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From our reader's "Mother of the Year" winner to what being a mother means to children.

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Seniors Club to meet at W'land

The Senior Citizens Club of Waveland is inviting all senior citizens of Hancock County to meet at American Legion Hall, Post 77, at Coleman Ave. on Monday at 10 a.m.

Sporting clay shoot scheduled

Terrell Cuevas will host a student sporting clays shoot on Saturday, May 19, beginning at 9 a.m. at the clay pit one mile north of Hwy. 608. The event is open to any student with hunter's education certification in the Hancock, Bay-Waveland and Pearl River area. Trophies will be awarded. Call 255-9696 for more information.

Harbor Nights set for May 24

The Pass Christian Chamber of Commerce Harbor Nights event for May will be on Thursday, May 24, not May 17 as originally planned. The event takes place at the West Harbor from 5-7 p.m. Hosted by John Harris.

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Asst. Bay St. Louis Fire Chief Gary Maurice gets into the action at Hancock Medical Center's Community Health Fair Saturday.



Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Just for the Health of it



Kids of all ages showed up at Hancock Medical Center's annual Community Health Fair in Bay St. Louis Saturday for food, fun and healthcare education. The event, in conjunction with National Hospital Week, included free cholesterol screenings; booths focusing on health issues like congestive heart failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; free EKG strips; and a blood drive.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

Flasher targets young females

Kids victimized while waiting for the school bus

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

Officers of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department are on the lookout for an alleged "serial pervert."

According to department Investigator Rita Blaize-Watson, she and other officers are "currently investigating two cases of indecent exposure involving a white male driving a white car. Both victims are young white females who were waiting alone at school bus stops in rural areas of the county between 6:30 and 7 a.m."

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Pilot in ICU after accident

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

A Poplarville man underwent emergency surgery at Hancock Medical Center Thursday evening after crashing his ultralight airplane into a utility pole in the Catahoula community.

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Mandalay Bay CEO announces proposed I-10 casino now a bust

Decision may put damper on Margarita Casino plan

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Las Vegas-based Mandalay Bay won't be building a casino off Interstate 10 in Harrison County any time soon. However, owners of the land remain hopeful the property can be developed as a gambling resort.

The bombshell announcement was dropped this week by Mandalay's President Glenn Schaeffer during an address before the Southern Gaming

Summitt. The conference at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum in Biloxi drew more than 5,000 casino executives, managers, and gambling industry suppliers from across the county.

Schaeffer said Mandalay (formerly known as Circus Circus) made a corporate decision to allow options to purchase 250 acres of pristine pine forest on the north bay of St. Louis expire. He said the corporation, which operates nine hotel-casino properties in Nevada, two smaller casinos in Las Vegas and one dockside casino in Mississippi, will focus its energy and capital on its existing properties.

The proposed casino site would have

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Connie Lampley



Thomas Farve

Deja vu: Lampley again faces Farve in Ward 3

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

It's election time again in Bay St. Louis.

Yes, we've already had two elections in the past month, but we're doing it again. This time, however, there's only one race: The runoff between incumbent Connie Payne Lampley and Thomas "Tom" Farve for Ward 3's city council post.

Lampley - who had defeated Farve for the seat in the first place - took home 193 votes in the May

1 Democratic primary to challenger Farve's 169 and Willie C. Acker's 90, not counting absentee ballots.

Acker has not yet publicly announced which of the two candidates he would support in Tuesday's runoff, but said he still intends to work for the people of Ward 3 and "still work for the changes that must not be abandoned."

The Bay St. Louis Fire Station at Old Spanish

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Waveland mom building a better 'Habitat'

Billingsley says she cherishes 'rewarding' work experience in Co.

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Today will be an extra special Mother's Day for a Waveland woman and four other mothers in Denver, Co. They and their children will be moving into new homes built especially for them by Habitat for Humanity International. One of the homes was sponsored by parent company, Alcan Aluminum and our local affiliate, Alcan Cable. Waveland resident and Alcan Cable Training Manager Donna Billingsley joined 470 other women from across the globe this past week helping to complete the project.

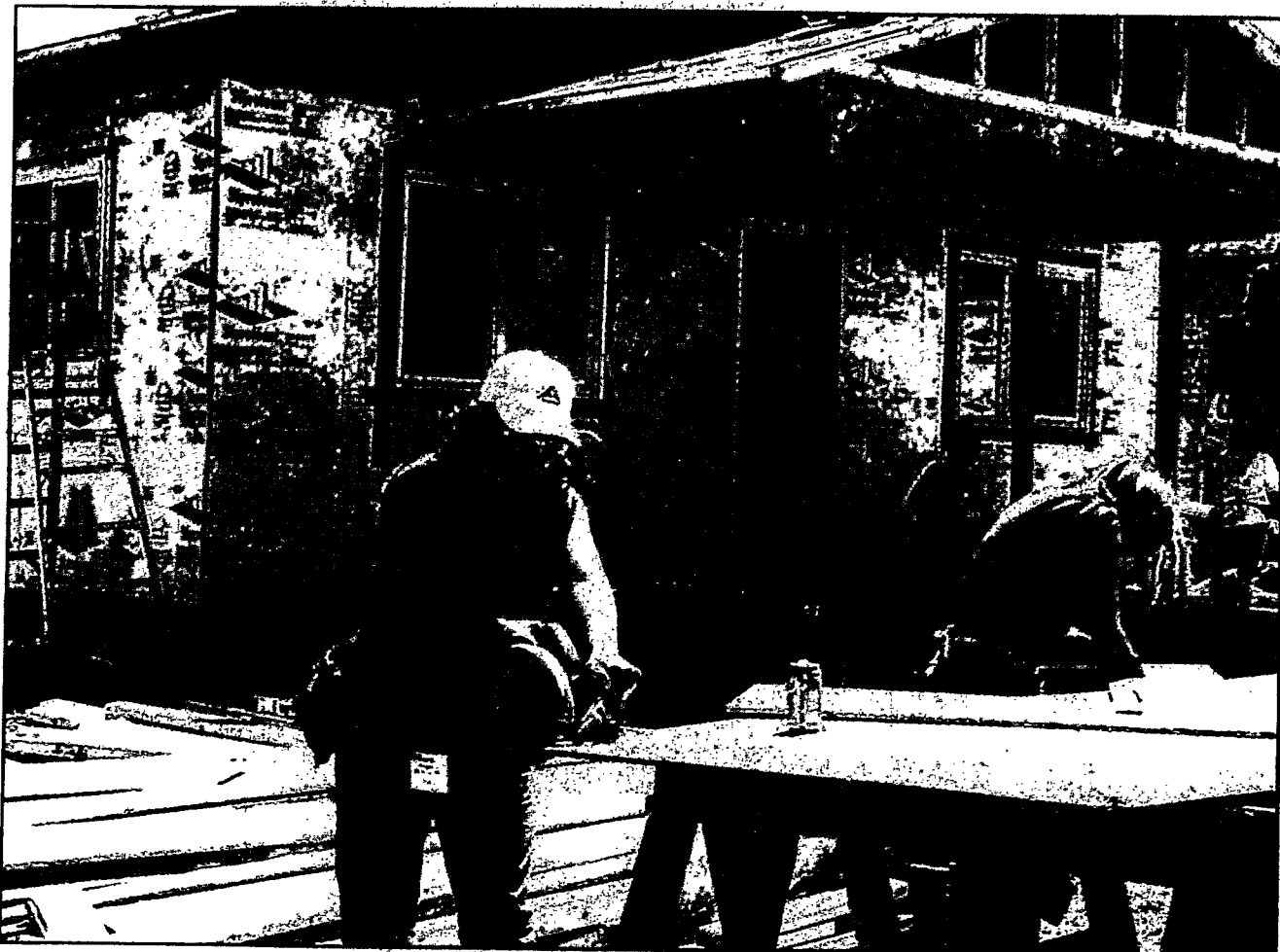
All five homes were constructed in just one week between May 5-12. The week marks the beginning of an 18-month long project for Habitat. "Women Building a Legacy" is a program that will build at least 100 homes across the country, in every state.

All the homes will be built entirely by women, adding to the more than 300 homes built by women for the program since 1991.

The daily schedule for the build is rigorous, Billingsley said, with work beginning at 6 a.m. "Everyone is working all the time," she said on Wednesday. "Yesterday, we had a 15-minute lunch, and I didn't get back to the hotel 'till 8:30 p.m."

But though the work is hard, Billingsley said that the spirit of cooperation between the women is great.

"People come around with water and snacks and make sure that you have everything



Waveland-resident and Alcan Cable Training Manager Donna Billingsley is among hundreds of other women from around the country last week helping to build homes for Habitat for Humanity. Billingsley's project was in Denver, Co.

you need for the job," she said.

Billingsley, like many of the others who volunteer at Habitat, has no prior experience in the construction field. "A butter knife is my screwdriver at home," she said.

Experienced volunteers are on the site to supervise the process. "No one gets mad at you," she said. "If you mess something up, someone just comes by and helps you do it over."

On Tuesday, Billingsley hung shingles, put in insulation, and cut and nailed boards, she said. On Wednesday, she put up siding. Later in the week, she would help with the landscaping, she said.

"It is beautiful here; I can see the mountains ... the work going

on here is awesome, hundreds of women from all over the world working together," said Billingsley. "Yesterday my body was aching from head to toe, but the enthusiasm is so great that once you get started again, you don't even notice."

"I definitely want to do this again, it is such a rewarding experience. And I would recommend it to anyone who has the opportunity."

Billingsley is the daughter of Pearl and Fred Peterman of Waveland. She is the mother of three: Mandie, 21; Samantha, 16; and Christopher, 13; and the grandmother of Olivia, 2.

Habitat for Humanity International, in its 25th Anniversary year, recognizes that 13 million U.S. children

one in every five - live in poverty. "Women Building a Legacy" strives to be a part of the solution, one house at a time. The program is designed to empower mothers and women of all ages to work together to solve the crisis of substandard housing, realizing that a child's life can be transformed simply by having a decent and safe place to call home. To date, the organization has built more than 100,000 homes to partner families with no profit, zero-interest mortgages.

If you or anyone you know might be interested in helping with a build, including the upcoming women's build in Mississippi, call 1-800-Habitat for information or to be directed to a local affiliate.

Hurricane meet scheduled in Biloxi May 29

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency will host the first-ever Hurricane Conference May 29-June 1 at the Grand Casino Bayview Resort in Biloxi.

Lynette Carbon, Hancock County's Civil Defense Director, briefed the Board of Supervisors

on the upcoming event Monday, and invited supervisors to attend some sessions. She and her assistant, Kelli Hamilton, will be attending, and Carbon said she has invited Fire Marshal Richard Pate and others involved in emergency planning to attend.

MEMA's letter inviting participants to the conference

points out, "Hurricanes impact more than just our coastal area. Many counties in the interior of the state feel the effects of hurricanes as these storms move inland. Planning, preparedness, training and mitigation efforts are essential for effective protection of our citizens."

The Mississippi Hurricane Conference is designed to pro-

vide valuable information for all members of the emergency management community, including law enforcement, fire departments, county and city governments, private industry and voluntary organizations. "In short, anyone who is involved in planning for, responding to, or recovering from hurricanes should attend," the letter said.

A number of training workshops are scheduled during the three-day conference. A highlight will be a tour of the Hurricane Hunter Facilities at Keesler Air Force Base.

Waveland aldermen approve plan for American Legion hall flag memorial

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland Aldermen gave the go-ahead on a project that has been more than two years in the making Wednesday night. The city will advertise for bids on the American Legion Post 77 flag memorial project as soon as an architect completes the final design and specifications. The project is expected to cost about \$10,000.

Post Commander Russell L. Voorhies spoke up for the project. "This project has been on the table since I became commander two years ago, and I hope to see this started before another term comes along," he

said. "It's time to decide if we are going to do this or not. I think it would be a great addition to Coleman Ave."

"We have talked about improving the image of Coleman Ave.," said Adjutant Jerry Melanco. "This would go a long way to improving that image, to see the memorial all the way from the railroad tracks."

Voorhies presented the board a rough plan of the design that

the post would like to see constructed. It was a diamond shaped design containing a fountain, walkway, and memorial plaques.

In other business: Aldermen continued a discussion on a possible \$2 million bond issue to fund projects and needed improvements in the city. Public Works Director Ray Eaton presented aldermen with cost estimates on street paving projects throughout the city.


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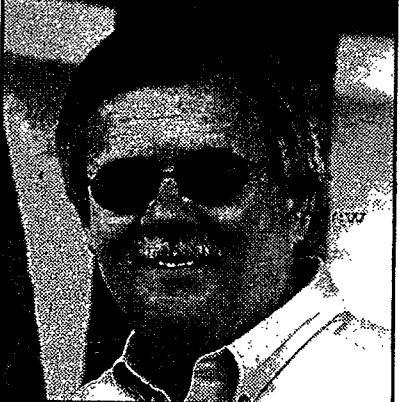
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Lakeshore residents protest \$10 discount

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A small, but vocal group of Clermont Harbor residents are protesting a \$10 monthly discount given to apartment dwellers living in the new Waverly Apartment complex off state Hwy. 603.

Clyde Ladner, president of the Clermont Harbor Civic Association, came to Thursday's meeting of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District to lodge a formal complaint.

Ladner read a resolution passed by the civic group at its March meeting.

He said a recent article in the Sea Coast Echo reported the District voted to charge those living in one-bedroom apartments in the Waverly a fee of \$25 per month for sewerage.

From the beginning, in public hearings, Ladner said the District stated all those living in single-family residences or trailers would be charged a monthly fee of \$35, "an amount which the retired elderly on fixed incomes can hardly afford."

"It is inherently unfair to alter fees for special projects such as the apartment complex and at the same time charge a larger fee to the citizens who not only live in houses and trailers but who also pay property taxes to Hancock County," Ladner said.

The resolution by the civic group asks the District to review the discount, and threatens to petition state and federal agencies if the discount is continued.

"This raises two questions," Ladner said. "Is it legal? Who is friends with the man who built this complex?"

"A customer is a customer," Ladner said. "One of two people living in a house or a trailer use the same amount... as those in a one-bedroom apartment."

District Chairman Al Smith tried to explain that the Waverly was the first large-scale apartment complex to be connected to the county's expanding sewerage system.

Smith said the builder ran all the connections to tap into the sewerage system "at no cost to us and will maintain it at no cost to us."

He said the apartment owners will pay the \$25 monthly fee for each one-bedroom apartment even though some of the apartment might be unoccupied. Those living in two and three-bedroom apartments would pay the \$35 monthly fee, Smith said.

At first, it appeared the District would not revisit the discount issue when Commissioner Sid Davis com-

Jazz in the Pass



Pass Christian Elementary students help kick off Jazz in the Pass Saturday morning at Memorial Park on Scenic Drive in Pass Christian. The event lasted all night and included music from a wide variety of acts, including Marva Wright and the BMWs.

Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

mented, "I think it's already resolved." Also present was Commissioner Beanie Zoerner. Commissioners Herman Johnson and Bob Fricke did not attend Thursday's meeting.

J.P. Compretta, the District's attorney, suggested tabling the matter and indicated he might get an opinion from the state Attorney General's office on whether the discount was legal based on regulations of the agency which loaned the District money to expand the sewerage system.

Zoerner made the motion to table the matter until the June 14 meeting.

"We'll be back," Ladner warned.

In other business, the District instructed Compretta to serve official notice to Mardis Tank Co. of Batesville and its bonding company it is in default of its contract.

Mardis was awarded a contract for \$206,987 last June to construct a 150,000-gallon elevated water tank, an integral part of a water distribution system soon to go on line in some areas of the Shoreline Park subdivision on the east side of Hwy. 603.

Subsequently, it sold part of its business to Industrial Tank Coating of Laurel, which is now on site off Chapman Road, assembling and welding parts of the water tank.

The District voted to pay Mardis \$29,872.50 for work completed so far, but to assess

the firm \$400 a day retroactive to May 1 when it was in default of its contract. The total deducted from the pay request amounted to \$1,600, and Compretta said Mardis will be charged \$400 for each day it is in default.

Earlier, the District rejected the firm's request to extend the contract time to allow for rain days and time lost because the location of the tower site was changed before the project began.

Bruce Newton, who is overseeing the water project for Duke Levy and Associates, the District's consulting engineering firm, told Commissioners Mardis had no justification for seeking a time extension.

He said the two other contractors working on the water projects are nearly finished. Crews with Greenbriar Construction Co., of Brookhaven are laying down the last of 25 miles of water lines, Newton said. Lyman Well Co., of Gulfport has drilled a 900 to 1,000-foot deep well on 1st Street, and Newton said crews will soon begin to fill up the lines with water in order to test the system.

Newton estimated the water tank might come on line by the end of June.



May crowning at Lady of Lourdes

Our Lady of Lourdes will celebrate a special Mother's Day May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin today at 6:30 p.m., with a rosary at 7 p.m. and a helium balloon release, at Hwy. 90 in the KOA campground in Bay St. Louis.

THANK YOU...



A special and sincere thanks to everyone who supported me in the primary election. I am truly grateful for all your help and concern.

I ask all voters in Ward 3 to please vote and support me in the Runoff Election May 15th

Connie Payne Lampley

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Santiago Seeks Justice Court East Position

Bay St. Louis-native Richie Santiago has announced his candidacy for the office of Justice Court Judge-East.



Santiago, 32, is a 1987 graduate of Hancock North Central, and attended Pearl River Community College and the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast.

"If elected," Santiago said in a release announcing his candidacy, "I will continue playing an active role in the Hancock County youth leagues and serve the office of Justice Court Judge with pride and dignity."

Santiago has been the owner/operator of J's Restaurant for the past 10 years. He and his wife Cyndi have two children, including son Tyler and daughter Taylor.

**Thank You,
Richie Santiago**

Pd. Pol. Adv.

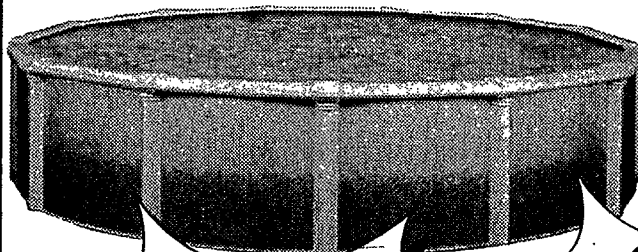
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Cub Scout Day Camp sign-ups

The Hancock County Cub Scout Day Camp for boys ages 7-10 years, will be held from June 11th-15th at the American Legion Post 77 in Waveland. Daily hours are 8 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and an overnight campout will be held on Thursday, June 14. If you would like to volunteer, organize a program or activity, donate needed supplies, or sign up, call 467-4788 or 467-9703 for information. This year's theme will be the American Indian.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

Thursday evening's Hancock County Chamber of Commerce May *Business After Hours* are set from 5 to 7 p.m. at Loiacano's Health Club - by the pool.

Sponsors are Loiacano's Health Club, Coastal Rehabilitation and Neil Favre's Southern Delights.

This is a very interesting group of sponsors, and indications are that this will be a tremendous *Business After Hours* program.

I have been told there will be some good snacks, refreshments and door prizes.

I am looking forward to this special event. As many of you know, Loiacano's Health Club has been around for more than 21 years, Southern Delight is brand new, and Coastal Rehabilitation has been around a few years.

The *After Hours* are for chamber members and guests. Admission is free, but bring a couple of business cards. You may win a door prize.

I hope to see you at the *Business After Hours* on Thursday.

Isn't it great to see the fishing fleet harvesting oysters on the reefs in Bay St. Louis? It has been a long time since water conditions allowed this to happen.

It just goes to show what working together can accomplish. Many have joined in helping to bring about these major changes in conditions of our waters.

The Gulf of Mexico Program has been of tremendous assistance to our elected officials and Regional Waster Water District.

Waste water discharges are being controlled, and the sewerage efforts south of I-10 are making a big difference in water conditions in the canals, bayous and Jourdan River which empty into the Bay of St. Louis before entering the Mississippi Sound.

Oysters are once again appearing along the shoreline of Beach Boulevard to the mouth of the Jourdan. They disappeared for many years because of polluted water conditions.

We still have a way to go to bring our waters back to what they were some 50 to 100 years ago, but with the continued efforts and support of so many, this can continue to be accomplished.

Who knows, one day there may be shrimping allowed in the Bay of St. Louis once again.

Our waters help add to the beauty of our county, and we have an obligation to those who follow us to protect our environment.

We are now coming into the time of year when there is an increase in the numbers of water craft on our rivers, bayous, canals and bay.

There are some new regulations for those who operate or ride a personal watercraft, also for all persons being towed behind a personal watercraft.

They must wear a U.S. Coast Guard-approved type, 1, 2, or 3 personal flotation device.

This regulation was recently enacted by Mississippi Legislature and signed by the Governor and is being enforced on the public waters of Mississippi.

The Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks feels the new regulations will help save lives in recreational boating across the state.

Voters of Ward 3 in Bay St. Louis need to remember to get out and vote on Tuesday.

This is a very important run-off election for Ward 3. The person elected Tuesday will represent Ward 3 residents for the next four years as their councilman.

Please go vote, and remind your neighbors to do so as well.

Vote for the candidate of your choice. Remember, the voting precinct is the Bay St. Louis Fire Station and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Happy Mothers Day to all mothers!
Please do not forget to remember your mothers, grandmothers, great-grandmothers and great-great-grandmothers today.

Taking a head-on approach to health care issues in Miss.

Providing better health care coverage for all Mississippians continues to be a top priority of my administration. We are constantly looking for new, innovative ways to improve the quality of life for every person living in our state.

The Governor's Health Care Summit Series includes three health care summits to be held across the State of Mississippi.

We cannot possibly tackle all the critical health care issues facing the people of our state in one day. That is why we are bringing together health care experts with people who utilize medical services through a series of health care summits to create solutions that make health care opportunities and access better for every Mississippian. These health care summits will be helpful to every Mississippian ranging in age from birth to senior citizens.

We are taking a head-on approach to the health care issues in Mississippi, and we expect to create open dialogue that will result in solutions that make health care opportunities better for every Mississippian. Solutions that will create an even better atmosphere for living in our state.

The health care professionals and providers involved in the summits come from different areas of the state, with different areas of interest and expertise.

We do have one thing in common; we are committed to ensuring that every person in Mississippi has access to top quality health care options and has the opportunity to have their medical needs met.

The first summit in the series, Governor's Health Care Summit-Solutions For the Uninsured, will address the health insurance needs of the people of our state and will be held June 1 in Jackson.

It will feature state leaders, nationally recognized state and federal health policy experts, legislators, providers and consumers in panel presentations, reactor panel discussions and interactive break out sessions.

The second summit in the series, Governor's Health Care Summit - Measuring Up, will be in Tupelo on August 21 and will focus on the health care issues where Mississippi faces challenges.

For the last several years Mississippi has been ranked near the bottom in areas such as heart disease, diabetes,



Ronnie Musgrove

Governor of Mississippi

breast cancer screening, overweight teenagers and adults, physical inactivity, emergency room visits and teenage births.

This summit will give us the opportunity to bring together experts who can help develop new ways to approach improvements in the health areas that are continuing to harm the people of our state.

The third summit in the series, Governor's Health Care Summit - Defining the Needs of Mississippi's Senior Adults, will be in Hattiesburg October 22 and 23, and will explore new ways to develop feasible and accountable solutions, which will address the health care needs of Mississippi's growing senior adult population.

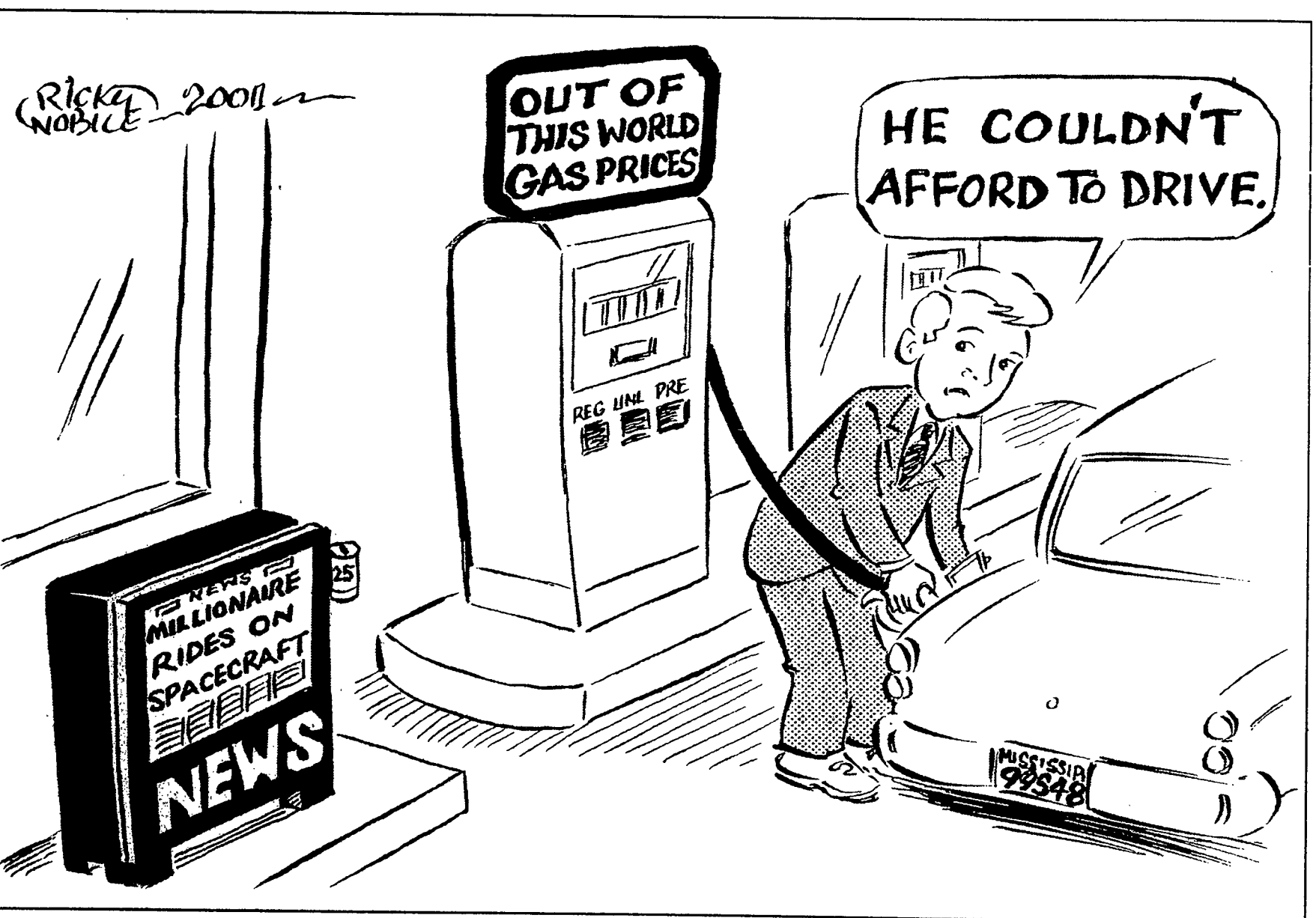
Senior Mississippians are vibrant, thriving and play a vital role in every community across our state. Seniors serve as mentors, tutors and volunteers in an effort to make a positive difference in their communities.

It is important that we are defining what their needs are in regard to health care so we can make sure they are getting the services necessary to maintain a good quality of life.

The conferences are free, and the public is welcome to attend. Pre-registration is required in order to prepare lunch for meeting participants.

To get more information about the Governor's Health Care Summit Series, call 1-877-982-2990 or on the Internet at <http://www.mhapp.org/health-caresummit/register.html>.

Mississippi is facing a critical need for better health care options in the rural areas of our state. We need improvements made in the areas of health insurance and preventative health care, and with our state's growing senior adult population, we have now things to learn about their health care needs. We are committed to having healthier children, adults - healthier Mississippians.



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By State Auditor Phil Bryant

to Bryant dated January 29, 1999)

MUNICIPALITIES

Q Must municipal board/council members elected this year be bonded by a sufficient surety before they may take office?

A Yes. Section 21-17-5 requires an official bond of the lesser of \$100,000 or 5% of the sum of all municipal assessed and levied taxes collectible in the preceding year.

Q What is included when calculating the "5% of the sum of all municipal assessed and levied taxes collectible in the preceding year" to determine the amount of board/council member bonds required under Section 21-17-5?

A All ad valorem taxes due in the preceding year, based upon all assessed property and the certified levy sheet. This includes all amounts levied for ad valorem taxes (including schools), whether or not collected.

(Attorney General's opinion

Q What is the form of the board/council members' bond?

A An individual bond, for the term (usually four years), styled as presented in Section 25-1-15 and payable to the state under Sections 25-1-17 and 11-1-27.

GENERAL

Q Must an individual who has obtained a Local Privilege License from one county or municipality of this state also obtain an additional license from each county or municipality in which he or she should happen to perform work?

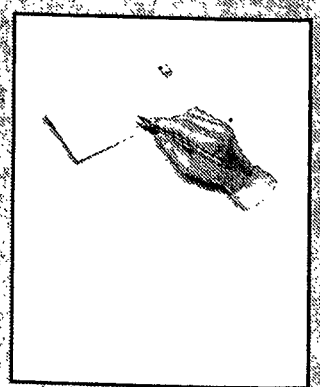
A No, the Local Business Privilege License Act, Section 27-17-3 et seq., requires persons desiring to do business in this state to obtain a privilege license from the county or municipality in which their place of business is located.

Having obtained such a license, they are not obligated to obtain any further such licenses from other counties or municipalities unless they are also

Letters to the Editor

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operating a place of business in those other counties or municipalities.

(Attorney General's opinion to Jordan dated May 15, 1989)

Q When property that has been acquired during the year by a tax exempt public body has an outstanding tax lien, may the property be sold for taxes?

A No, an ad valorem tax lien against property is abated when

a tax exempt public body acquires the property and may not be sold.

However, the abatement of the lien does not relieve the personal liability of the owner of the property at the time of the assessment; there is no authority to "forgive" taxes.

(Attorney General's opinion to Greco dated February 9, 2001).

In Support of Missile Defense

Today, even the world's most despotic regimes have weapons of mass destruction, or will soon acquire them. Yet some are trying to tell us that America should not deploy a missile defense system - even a limited one like the proposal outlined earlier this month by President Bush at the National Defense University.

They say this first step system might make our enemies mad and our allies uncomfortable.

However, I do not believe America should let her national security be determined by the preferences of foreign governments - friend or foe.

Defining America's national security is a role that only America's people and their elected representatives can play - particularly at a time of growing threats to our own home territory.

As our founders articulated in the Constitution, America's federal government must provide for our common defense,

and that requirement in the 21st Century will inevitably necessitate a missile defense system.

Opponents to missile defense remind me of past miscalculations by those who mistakenly believed timidity and weakness can somehow promote peace. During the 1970s, they told us America should drastically downsize her military, even though the Soviet Union was advancing Communism globally. They discouraged efforts to develop new technologies of similar scope as missile defense - things like radar evading stealth capabilities which today protect our pilots and provide our forces with a lifesaving advantage.

They shrugged in the 1980s as Ronald Reagan began his "Peace Through Strength" policies backed by both conventional forces and nuclear deterrence. They said he would provoke war. He didn't. In fact, his policies accelerated the Cold War's end. They also fought the



FROM THE SENATE

By State Senator
Trent Lott

procurement of many of today's staple weapons which proved indispensable to the overwhelming victory, and minimal loss of American life, in the Persian Gulf War. They too harshly criticized President Reagan for pursuing the first missile defense plan 15 years ago, called the Strategic Defense Initiative (SDI). Today, with Communism in the ash heap of history, even former Soviet Leader Gorbachev points to SDI as something that gave America a bargaining advantage at the negotiation table. Just the possibility of a U.S. missile defense system undoubtedly helped convince the Soviets that they could no longer run in the arms race. Then, that deadly race suddenly ended.

Now, these folks are even telling us that an old treaty signed with the Soviet Union somehow prohibits America from developing a missile defense today. What good is a treaty in which one party -- in this case the Soviet Union -- no longer exists? When will they learn?

Strength works. Technology works. Preparedness is a requirement for a nation like ours, not an option. These elements discourage war, and save American lives on the battlefield and the home front if war occurs.

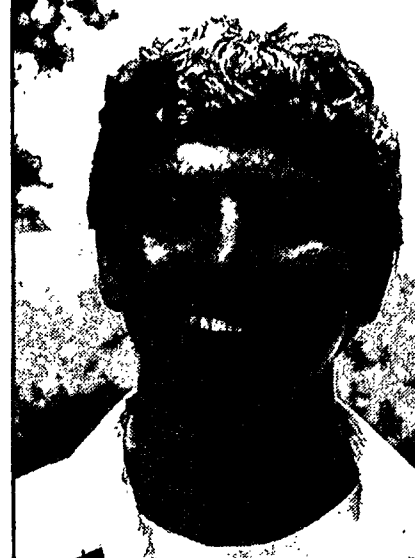
America's security depends on our ability to move to the next level of defense, surpassing our potential adversaries, and maintaining significant military advantages that discourage the world's would-be aggressors. A missile defense could eventually save the lives of American civilians whose

cities can now be targeted by missile attacks. These threats come not from today's sophisticated societies which have experienced and perhaps better understand the costs of war, but from some of the world's most irresponsible regimes. These dictators have little or no regard for human life, and a longing for military power and conquest which they have not tasted in part because their ambitions were checked by America's military capabilities - capabilities now unfortunately commonplace among nations.

President Bush recognizes this reality. The primary goal of his proposal right now is a limited missile defense system capable of protecting Americans from nuclear terrorism and blackmail by the world's despots. Many of these dictators would relish the chance to blackmail America or their neighbors with the threat of missile attack.

Given these developments, those who believe our nation should deny its citizens our nation's full array of protection are taking a dangerous gamble with the lives of American citizens. I would rather deploy a missile defense today -- and maybe risk only a few ruffled feathers -- than risk the inhabitants of an entire American city tomorrow.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Please write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)



Alan Jensen II

Jensen honored

Alan Jensen II of Waveland was awarded the Joseph B. Price General Chemistry Award at recent awards day ceremonies at Millsaps College.

This award is presented annually to the student with the highest scholastic average in general chemistry.

Jensen, a freshman physics major, has also received the Outstanding Freshman Mathematics Award and the Americorps Campus Link tutor of the semester Award.

He is a member of the Millsaps cross-country team, Phi Eta Sigma and Habitat for Humanity. He is the son of Alan and Vivian Jensen of Pass Christian.



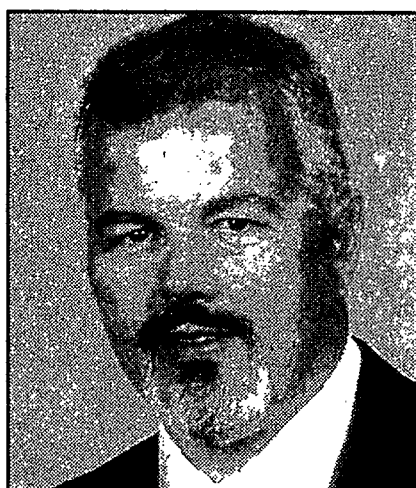
Adam announces candidacy for Justice Court Judge-East

Ricky Adam has announced his candidacy for Justice Court Judge - East District.

Adam, a 42 year-old Hancock County native, graduated from Bay High School and attended Delgado Jr. College. He currently resides in Kiln with his wife and children.

As a licensed Realtor with Century 21 of Diamondhead, Adam has been a multi-million dollar producer for the past five years and was honored by winning the "Ruby Award" in 1999. There are many social and civic organizations throughout Hancock County that Adam is part of.

He serves as a committee member working with the American Cancer Society to organize the annual Red Beans and Rice Cook-off. He is also an active member of the Lions



Ricky Adam

Club, the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and the Diamondhead Business and Professional Association.

Adam has promised to put his fairness and honesty to work for you when elected.

Bay St. Louis announces MML Award nominees

Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre has announced the city has submitted three nominations for the annual Mississippi Municipal Excellence Awards sponsored by *The Clarion Ledger* and the Mississippi Municipal League.

The awards recognize and encourage the achievements of Mississippi cities in meeting the challenges of municipal government.

According to the municipal league, "Innovative problem solving, excellence in management, increasing citizen participation and reaching toward higher service levels are all daily occurrences in Mississippi cities and they deserve recognition."

The Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District and Bay St. Louis Police Department have been nominated in the Public Safety Category for their partnership efforts to improve the safety and security of the school district campuses.

The system was recognized in March by the State Department

of Education as one of Mississippi's safest schools.

Becky Rotundo, public relations specialist for the Naval Research Laboratory, Stennis Space Center, native and resident of Bay St. Louis, has been nominated for the City Spirit Award because of her work with Special Olympics, science fairs through the national level, Christmas in April and other civic programs and for saving the life of a city employee.

Also nominated for the City Spirit Award is the Hancock County Library System for their Richmond Barthé exhibit and its influence and celebration of the artist's works and the com-

munities racial harmony.

Both of the nominees fill the MML definition of city spirit. The city spirit category is for individuals or groups that have gone above and beyond in their efforts to make their community a better place to live," said Mayor Favre in his announcement.

Bay St. Louis has previously won the Livable Community Award and six Making Mississippi move awards for various projects and events. Last year, the city's Fire Department won the Public Safety Award for its acquisition of its fire safety house through a donation by Allstate Insurance.



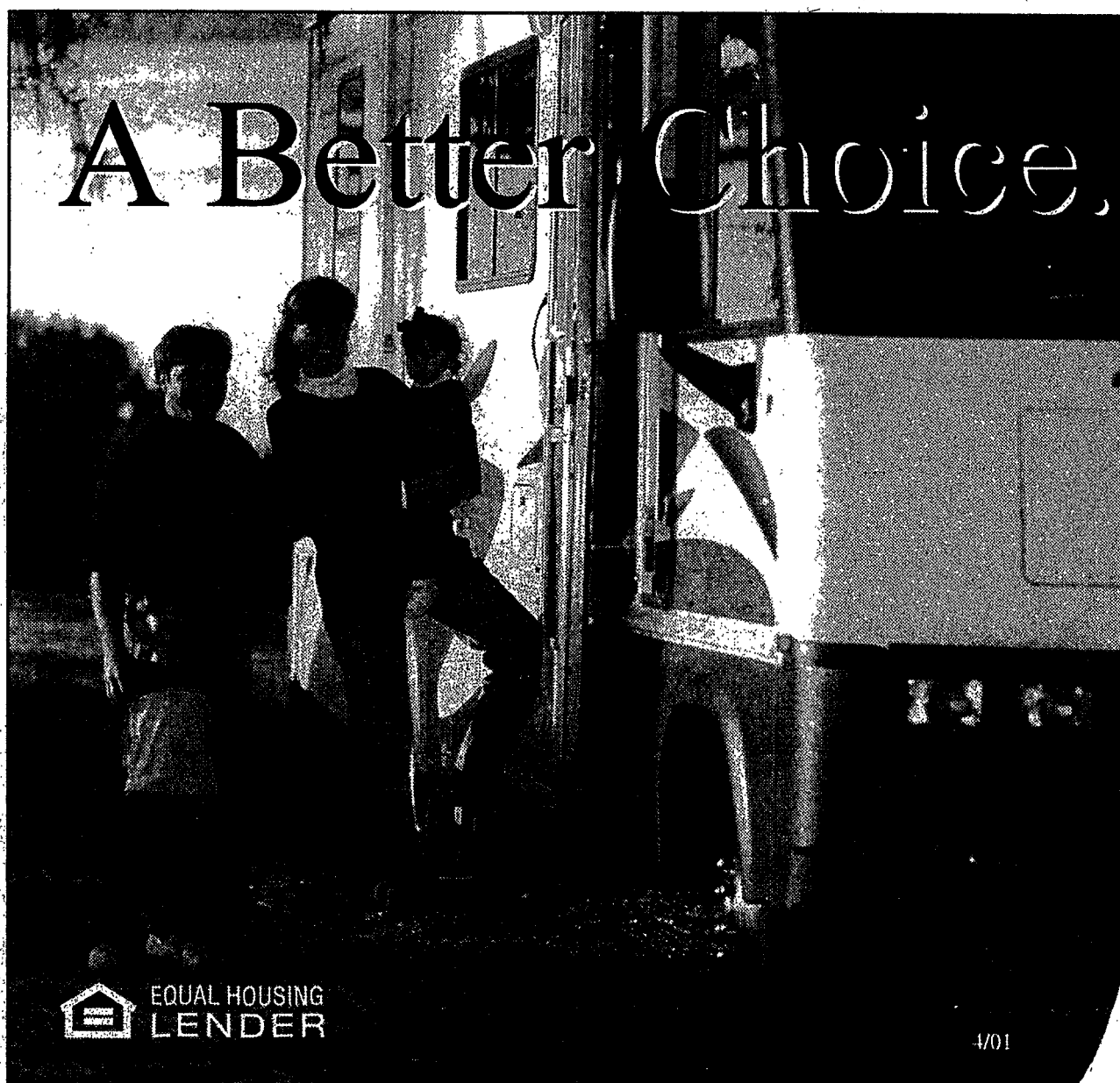
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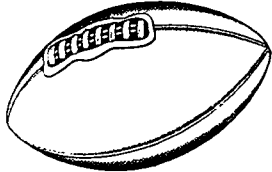
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SPORTS

Hancock football players sign letters

The following Hancock football players signed letters to play college football next year:

Oren Lewis, Pearl River Community College; Chris Goff, Pearl River Community College; Patrick Cannon, Pearl River Community College; Josh Ladner, Millsaps; and Jake Wilson, Millsaps.



Front row from left, Liz Ladner, Josh Ladner, Walt Esslinger.



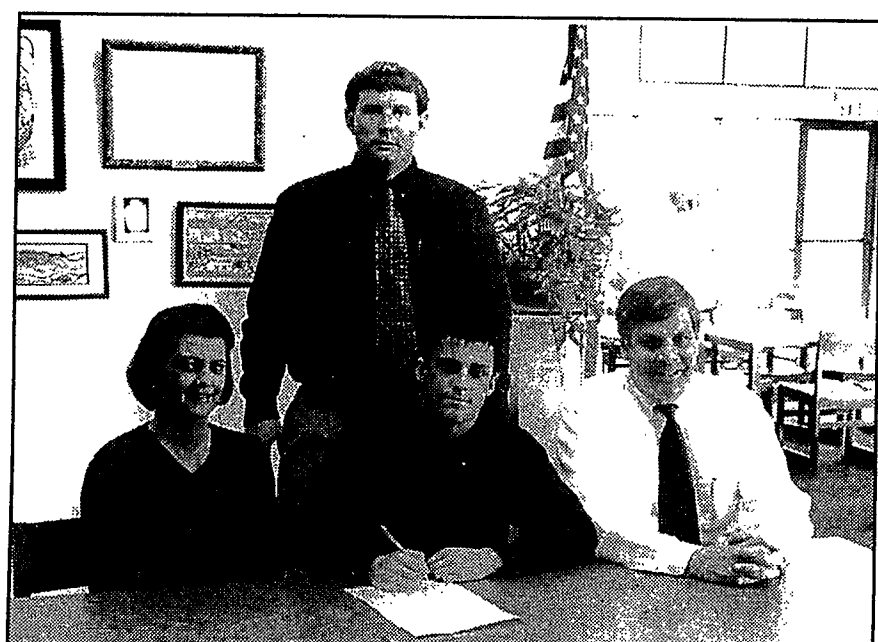
Front row from left, Sharon Lewis, Chris Goff, Jack Lewis; back row, Walt Esslinger.



Front row from left, Sharon Lewis, Oren Lewis, Jack Lewis; back row, Walt Esslinger.



Front row from left, Christy Wilson, Jake Wilson, John Wilson.



Front row from left, Alisa Cannon, Patrick Cannon, John Cannon, back row, Walt Esslinger.

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SPORTS



Cleo Willis helps her son J. R. with his shooting rotation as he prepares for upcoming Mississippi-Alabama All-Star game.

Mom guides son on the court

BY MAURICE SINGLETON
Contributing Writer

Grady "J.R." Willis' future looks bright. The St. Stanislaus senior will be concluding a brilliant prep career by playing in the Mississippi-Alabama All-Star Game this summer. After that, he will decide where he will be attending college and playing basketball in the fall. He has letters from Arkansas Tech, Meridian Community College, Troy State, Southeastern Louisiana, Florida A&M, Ole Miss, Mississippi State, and several other colleges.

The three-year starter on St. Stanislaus' boys basketball team led the Rocks to a 22-9 season, averaging 23.5 points per game, 5 assists, 5.5 rebounds and 2.5 assists. During three varsity seasons, J.R. sank 117 shots from 3-point range, a school record.

"I never thought he would become that good a player," said Cleo Willis, J.R.'s mother, who has guided the player's development since she began coaching him in the local youth league. "I get chills. I get tears in my eyes. I never thought he would be as good as he is now."

"I didn't think he'd know the game as well as he does. He knows where every player is. He knows who's open, who's not open. He generates the flow. He dictates the tempo of the game. He really came around this year."

Mrs. Willis says that she has been either courtside or in the bleachers for every game J.R. has played since his first game at age six. When she wasn't coaching him, she was there cheering him on and observing skills and making mental notes. "I'd tell him what he did well and what he needed to work on," Mrs. Willis added. "I point out his mistakes to him and work with him at correcting the things to make him a better player." She has been working to make J.R. a better player for some time. Even before she started coaching him when he was about nine, the family played basketball together in the back yard. Some of the first lessons were those you get from observing.

Mrs. Willis was a very good high school basketball player in her own right. Her husband, Grady Willis Jr., also played high school ball. Basketball became a social event for the family. "J.R. started dribbling a basketball in the backyard when he was two years old," she explained. "My husband taught him the basics. I taught him how to pick and roll. I taught him how to hold the ball to shoot. J.R. use to have a funny kind of hold on the basketball that I knew wasn't right, and I helped him correct it."

"I think in this case that the apple doesn't fall far from the tree," said Jay Ladner, St. Stanislaus coach and athletic director. "Mrs. Cleo has been just wonderful in her support for him. I am really glad that she has two more sons. So we'll be able to keep her around for a while."

The two other sons are

Gabriel, 16, also a very promising guard for the Rocks who saw a great deal of varsity action this past season; and Derrick, 13, who has been sharpening his skills in the Bay Youth League.

According to Mrs. Willis, J.R. has been an excellent role model for his brothers. When you see one, you can usually find the other two.

"He's a good role model for my baby. He teaches Derrick. If either of them does anything wrong, he corrects them. They are very close. Wherever he goes, he makes sure his brothers are with him."

Basketball has been a good discipline for the Willis family. J.R. and his two brothers don't "hang out in the streets." They are gym rats. In their spare time, they are in the gym. They eat, breathe and sleep basketball. And when she said "sleeping with the basketball," she meant just that.

"J.R. still sleeps with his basketball," she explained. "You know how some children have security blankets that they have to sleep with? He sleeps with his basketball. I am not going to take it away from him." The Willis family has had many tremendous moments surrounding basketball. Over J.R.'s three varsity seasons, the Rocks have compiled an impressive 85-24 win-loss record, as well as many team and individual accomplishments.

"One touching story I'll never forget was when he received Most Valuable Player at a Christmas tournament in his 10th grade year. He was so shocked and amazed that all he could do was shed a tear. Being picked over top seniors was shocking."

There is also one moment that Mrs. Willis remembers because of its disappointment. During the final game of the season against Picayune, J.R. had possession of the ball, attempting to lead his team for the go-

ahead basket. A Picayune player made a successful play at the ball, taking it in for an easy lay-in.

"All my son could do was fall to the floor and cry. And believe me that hurt me even more, because I knew my son wanted to win that game. And he played hard that night. That was the most touching moment of his basketball career."

The "most touching moment" may be just the motivation J.R. needs as he prepares for the All-Star game this summer. He has been in the gym every day working diligently on his game. How he performs in the presence of other All-Stars will determine where he will spend the next four seasons.

"I think his accomplishment as a player speak for itself," said Coach Ladner. "But I'm most proud of the type of young man he is. It is been an absolute honor to coach J.R."

"J.R. is a person that any mom would love to call her son," said Mrs. Willis. "He's very mannerable, respectful, just a happy child anyone would love."

This past school year, in addition to basketball, J.R. participated in football and track. He is also being recruited to play college football.

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StingRays ready for sophomore season

BY DWAYNE BREMER
Contributing Writer

The 2001 NFL football season is rapidly approaching, and the Gulf Coast StingRays have been working hard in preparation for their second of season gridiron action.

Last year, the StingRays made the playoffs and finished with an 8-3 record. Expectations and hopes are high once again this year. "We are not as big this year, but we have a lot more speed," said head coach Matt Karl. "We have filled some of our offensive spots from last year."

The StingRays will return about 15 players from last year's roster, with several key players returning.

Starting runningbacks Brian Laneaux and Larrone Lewis are back, along with quarterbacks Charlie Mitchell and Jonathan Favre. There are also two more quarterbacks on the roster: Bernard Swinson and Carl Cooper will challenge for the starting position. "We have not chosen a starter as of yet, it's an open competition," Karl said.

On defense, Coach Steve Odham expects his unit to be just as good as the squad that only allowed 13 points per game last year. "Our guys are tough and hungry, we are working on the secondary, and everything is coming together," Odham said.

The team will have almost all of its administrative personnel back this year, as well. Karl will be the head coach; Odham, the defensive coordinator; Glen Blaize will coach the special teams; Gary Catalano Sr. will be an assistant defensive coach; George Berleson will be the equipment manager; and Dwayne Bremer is the statistician.

The season is set to kick off on June 16 with a game against the newly-formed Mississippi Wolfpack from Hattiesburg. The StingRays will once again play at St. Stanislaus field.

The StingRays would also like to thank David Seal Sr. and the Hancock County Park and Playground Commission for allowing the StingRays the use of the old Hancock High School field.

Football, cheerleader registration for BSL

Football and cheerleader registration for Bay St. Louis youth will be May 21, 22, 24 and 25 at the Bay St. Louis baseball field on Athletic Drive and McDonald Field, 5:30-7:30 each night.

Youths between 6 and 12 who would like to play football or be a cheerleader may register one of these nights and receive a \$5 discount.

For information about football, call Ree Elliott at 467-4904 or Bruce Morreale at 467-5691.

For information about cheerleading, call Pennie Brogle at 467-3192 or Tammy Woods at 467-7506 after 6 p.m.

PRCC baseball tryouts

Pearl River Community College will host tryouts for the 2001-2002 Wildcat baseball team Tuesday, May 15.

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Obituaries

**LUELLA ASHER
JOHN HOHNSTREITER
RUTH LEGGETT
JENNIE ROLAND
PHYLLIS SEUZENEAU**

LUELLA ASHER
Luella Asher, 87, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, May 10, 2001, in Gulfport.

She was a native of Lakeshore and a lifetime resident of Hancock County. She was of the Methodist faith and a member of Waveland United Methodist Church.

She was preceded in death by parents: George and Julia Cuevas Hose; two brothers, George Hose and Charles Hose; six sisters: Carrie Williams, Florence Duke, Annie Feigel, Elizabeth Ladner, Irene Breland, and Alice Garcia.

She is survived by husband: Curtis A. Asher of Bay St. Louis; two sons: Albert Asher of Bay St. Louis and Terrence Asher of Bay St. Louis; and five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held Monday, May 14, 2001 from 7:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

The Prayer Service will be held Tuesday, May 15, 2001 at 11:00 a.m. at the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel, Bay St.

Louis.

Interment will follow at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery and Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN HOHNSTREITER

John Hohnstreiter, 85, of Pass Christian, died Thursday, May 10, 2001, in Pass Christian.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

RUTH LEGGETT

Ruth Leggett, 90, of Diamondhead, died Thursday, May 10, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Leggett was sent from Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to Wright & Ferguson Funeral Home in Jackson.

JENNIE ROLAND

Jennie diBenedetto Roland, 89, of Bay St. Louis, died Thursday, May 10, 2001 in Metairie, La.

She was a native of Bay St. Louis and a resident of Metairie and Kenner, Louisiana, for 40 years. She was a volunteer at Lakeside Hospital in Metairie.

She was also a retired government employee and had worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture, NASA Michoud

and Stennis Space Center.

She was preceded in death by husband: James Clarence (J.C.) Roland, Jr.; parents: Joseph and Josephine Alessi diBenedetto; three brothers: Tony diBenedetto, Joe diBenedetto, Dominic diBenedetto; and two sisters: Mary Benjamin and Nina Doyle.

She is survived by two daughters: Nina Roland of Kenner, La., and Rhonda Roland Yuratch of Metairie, La.; brother: George diBenedetto of Bay St. Louis; four grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and a host of nieces, nephews, and her caregivers Jeannie Burrough and Pat Gibson.



PHYLLIS SEUZENEAU
Phyllis Kidd Seuzeneau, 83,

of Bay St. Louis, died Wednesday, May 9, 2001, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Seuzeneau was a native of Castile Hondouras, Calif. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a member of Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Sheldon M. Seuzeneau; her parents, William and Grace Alexander Kidd; three brothers, Lucian, Raymond and Rubin Kidd; two sisters, Nellie K. Loicano and Carmen Mitchell; and a granddaughter, Tammy Renee Seuzeneau.

Survivors include two sons, Sheldon M. Seuzeneau of Pensacola, Fla. and Gerald (Jerry) R. Seuzeneau of Pass Christian; two daughters, Sandra S. Compretta and Phyllis (Fee) S. Genin, both of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Ainsworth Kidd of South Carolina; 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis followed by a Mass of Christian Burial and interment in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

Marsh, two homes destroyed by blaze

BY GEOFF BELCHER
News Editor

More than 50 acres of marshland and two homes were destroyed Friday after an apparent brushfire near Kelly Point Rd. got out of control.

"There doesn't appear to be

any foul play," West Hancock Fire Rescue Chief Kim Jones said yesterday. "There was no arson or anything like that. It just more or less looks like somebody set a brush fire and left."

The blaze leveled a mobile home used as a fishing camp by Hattiesburg-native Dot Johnson, and gutted a home occupied by Dr. and Mrs. Joe Ed Varner.

Jones said crews from his department, Clermont Harbor, St. Tammany Parish, NASA and Mississippi Forestry all battled the blaze until after 11 p.m. Friday. It was first reported around 2:45 p.m.

Then, he said, "We had to return overnight because of woods fires jumping the lines."

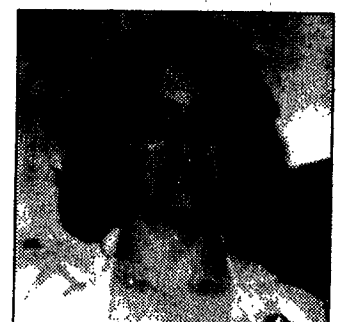
The cause of the blaze is still under investigation. Mississippi Forestry has not yet determined exactly how much forest and wetlands were destroyed.

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Great Granddaughter Jennia Marie Catchings: "Grandmother kisses" all of her kids anytime she sees us. She is full of love.

Great Grandson James Edward Catchings, Jr.: "Grandmother goes to church Sundays 'Like we all should,' then she cooks her Sunday Meals."

Thank you God for our Grandmother Aurea Robinson

We will celebrate May 19, 2001 for her birthday at Martin Luther Park on Washington St. All are invited on this Blessed Day.

Tamia M. Reed

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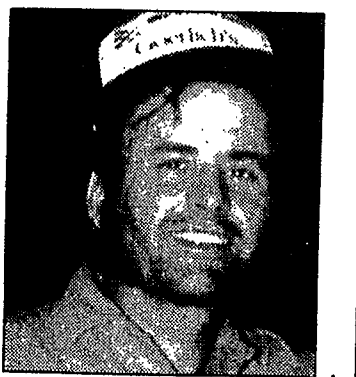
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Greek Festival is May 19

"Greek is the word. Come enjoy being 'Greek' for a day. There is free admission," said Demetri Vlahos of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Biloxi.

There will be authentic Greek dinners (roast lamb or chicken), pastries, Gyros on Pita bread, salads (Feta cheese, black olives), spinach pies, groceries, souvenir gift shop, dessert, ice cream shoppe, music and dancing

and church tours.

The fest opens at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 19. Food is available from 11 a.m. until 7 p.m.

For advance pastry sales, call 388-6138 or 324-3148 or get tickets for the \$500 cash prize raffle.

The event benefits Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church, 255 Beauvoir Road, Biloxi, a block north of the Coliseum.

Bay St. Louis Little Theatre is renovating historic locale

For more comfortable enjoyment by theatre goers, the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre will begin renovations to its 53-year-old historical building after the current play, The Harry and Sam Dialogues.

Foundation repairs and additional insulation of the building will be done by Rory Purpora. The board of directors also announces that two additional air conditioning units have been donated and will be installed by Terry Poore of Aspen Air Conditioning & Heating.

Poore will also upgrade the existing ductwork. The work will be completed before the beginning of the children's summer program, "Summer 2001" on June 15.

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Anyone who has been treated for extensive tooth decay or specific bacterial infection should know the value of periodic review by dental personnel trained to spot such problems.

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Casino -- Mandalay calls it quits on Bay project

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been off the south exit of Interstate 10 at the Pass Christian-deLisle exit, just a half-mile east of Hancock County. The development has gone through a series of partnerships since it was first envisioned years ago by Stewart Gammill of Hattiesburg, whose family owns 500 acres of land, and formed a partnership called the Pine Hills Development.

Developers proposed a \$300 million investment. It would include a 30-story, 1,400-room hotel, parking facilities, a fishing pier and plans to dock five inter-connected gambling barges on 3.4-ares of water bottoms. Estimates were the casino-resort would employ 4,000 during construction and provide 2,700 jobs when it opened. Proponents said it was expected to bring in \$15 million more in revenue to the state, plus another \$5 million in sales and other taxes.

The project was still considered on-going as recently as last November when the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers held a scoping hearing to determine

the environmental effects of the Pine Hills casino and others operating and planned on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

The hearing was mandated by a federal judge, which ordered the Corps to conduct a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to gauge impacts of the Harrison County project, the proposed Casino World development off the south exit of Diamondhead in Hancock County, and another planned on the north Bay of Biloxi in d'Iberville.

The EIS is expected to take as long as two years to complete, since it would also measure the environmental and economic impact of casinos that have been operating along the Mississippi Coast since 1992.

Both Pine Hills and Casino World have received the necessary state and federal permits to proceed, but development is held up by the pending EIS.

Stewart Gammill III of Hattiesburg faxed the Echo, saying he had not heard Schaeffer's talk on Thursday, nor a recording of it. "But, I did see the WLOX-TV article on

television and read it on their web site," he confirmed.

Gammill said last month, Mandalay announced it planned to build a 1.8-million-square-foot convention center in Las Vegas, with ground breaking scheduled for next month.

"I am sure that Glenn, (Schaeffer) as President and Chief Financial Officer of Mandalay, is very much focused on their existing properties and plans on which they can move forward," Gammill said, in a prepared statement to the Echo.

He continued: "Pine Hills, meanwhile, is focused on the court-mandated EIS; and we are doing what we can toward getting that accomplished. We trust that, in due time, Mandalay will review Pine Hills and that we will be able to move forward with the Pine Hills project."

Deborah Vitale, the president and Chairman of the Board of Europa Cruises Corp., which has options on 400 acres of land for its Casino World resort in Hancock County south

of Diamondhead, said Mandalay's decision to drop its option on the land "comes as no surprise."

Vitale said the latest move in the always-evolving casino story made her even more determined to push the Casino World project forward.

"Mandalay Bay obviously has its hands full with its new development in Las Vegas," said Vitale. "I think, in the scheme of things, this property (in Harrison county) would not have generated a major source of revenue for Mandalay Bay."

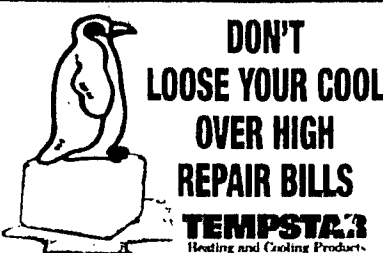
"On the other hand, for Casino World, the Hancock County property represents its full and only source of (future)

revenue." Vitale noted that Europa has recently sold the last of its three gambling vessels operating out of Florida and, "is now focusing its full attention on the Casino World site."

"For a company the size of ours, the potential revenue from this project is enormous," said Vitale. "We have no intentions, whatsoever, of abandoning this project. It really doesn't matter how long it takes. The land becomes more valuable with every passing year."

Vitale said the fact that Mandalay Bay is no longer moving forward "means we would enjoy somewhat of a monopoly in that location."

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Flasher -- at large

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Watson said Friday that there had been at least five separate incidents involving the two girls, but neither case had been reported until after the second respective incident. One of the girls is a teen-ager; the other, a pre-teen.

"The descriptions of the suspect given by the victims are similar," Watson said, "but not exact. In spite of the differences, there is a good possibility that it is the same person."

Watson said in a press release that the first victim saw the suspect in the Diamondhead area on April 20, 23 and 24, and described him as "possibly in his 20s and driving a white, newer model egg-shaped car with a red emblem on the back of it."

The second victim saw the suspect on Fire Tower Rd. on both May and May 9, she said, and described the man as "midle-aged, driving a small white

two-door car."

Watson said one of the victims described the first incident as a "drive-by flashing," but said that on the second occasion, the man actually masturbated in front of her.

Anyone with information regarding the suspect should contact Watson at the sheriff's department at 467-5101 or (601) 798-8555.

Pilot -- in ICU

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Pilot Ken May "was in the vicinity of Winnie's Camp and Hwy. 43 ..." Mississippi Highway Patrol Sgt. Roy Fullerton said Friday. "He stuck a utility pole guidewire that stretched across Hwy. 43. It slung him into another utility pole like a slingshot."

May had apparently taken off from Stennis International Airport on his way back to Poplarville, Fullerton said. MHP was notified of the acci-

dent at 8:03 p.m.

American Medical Response ambulance workers transported May to the hospital with severe head and internal injuries, Fullerton said.

Also responding were officers from the Hancock County Sheriff's Department and the Leetown Volunteer Fire Department.

"The FAA was notified ..." Fullerton said. "Even though they don't really have jurisdic-

tion on this type of aircraft, they do keep statistics and records on accidents."

A spokeswoman from the Jackson office of the Federal Aviation Administration said an FAA investigator was at the site Friday afternoon.

May was in critical condition at the medical center's intensive care unit as of Friday afternoon.

Ward 3 -- vote Tuesday

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Trail will serve as the only polling place for the election, and will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The winner of Tuesday's election will in effect win the

seat since Independent candidate Galen Edward Mitchell Smith Jr. dropped off the ballot for the June 5 general election due to a conflict with his feder-

al employment.

In June, Independent Ward 1 Councilman Dough Seal will face Republican Susan Kidd Blaché. Democratic Ward 2 Councilman James C. "Jim" Thrifley III is unopposed, as is Democratic Councilman-at-large William E. "Bill" Taylor. Democratic candidate Bobby Compretta and Republican Ronald J. LaFontaine, both unchallenged in the primary, will face each other in June for Councilman Tad Black's vacated Ward 4 seat.

Motivation for kids set at Bay High School Friday

A motivational talk to youth and parents, given by Charles H. Beady, Jr., Ph.D., will be presented at Bay High Auditorium on Friday, May 25 at 6 p.m. Beady, President of the Piney Woods School is renowned for his expertise in the area of academic motivation and most recently for his use of rap to reach teens. The event is sponsored by Geraldine Lang (Save Our Children), Operation Wake-Up, and the cities of waveland and Bay St. Louis. The event is free to the public.

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Students attend Miss. State Junior Beta Competition

Students in the Junior Beta Club at St. Paul Catholic School in Pass Christian attended the Mississippi State Junior Beta Club Convention held at the Mississippi Coast Coliseum on April 26 and 27.

There were more than 5,000 students in attendance.

Students competing included the Quiz Bowl team, Nikki Vaught, Cecilia Tran Elizabeth Nguyen, and Brian Mays.

Other students also competed in various categories;

Stephanie Allen, wreath; Carolan Crowder, handmade jewelry; Anthony LaMarca, spelling; Khanh Nguyen, sketching/ink; Alexandra Phares, scrapbook; Lacey Raymond, cross stitch; Andrew Taylor, speech; Alyssa Walter, photography; Mellie William, special talent; Stephen Allard, pastels; Caterina Tran, essay; and Soon Bentz/Therese Nguyen, banner.

The school had two state winners in arts and crafts. Khanh Nguyen placed second in pen and ink sketching, and Stephanie Allen placed second in the wreath competition.

Both of them Beta Club members received invitations to compete in the National Junior Beta Club Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio this summer.

Mellie Williams also was a winner placing in the top eight in special talent.

All students had a great time and came back with more ideas for next year's convention. The St. Paul Junior Beta Club received a State Service Award for service projects they had completed in the community and at school.

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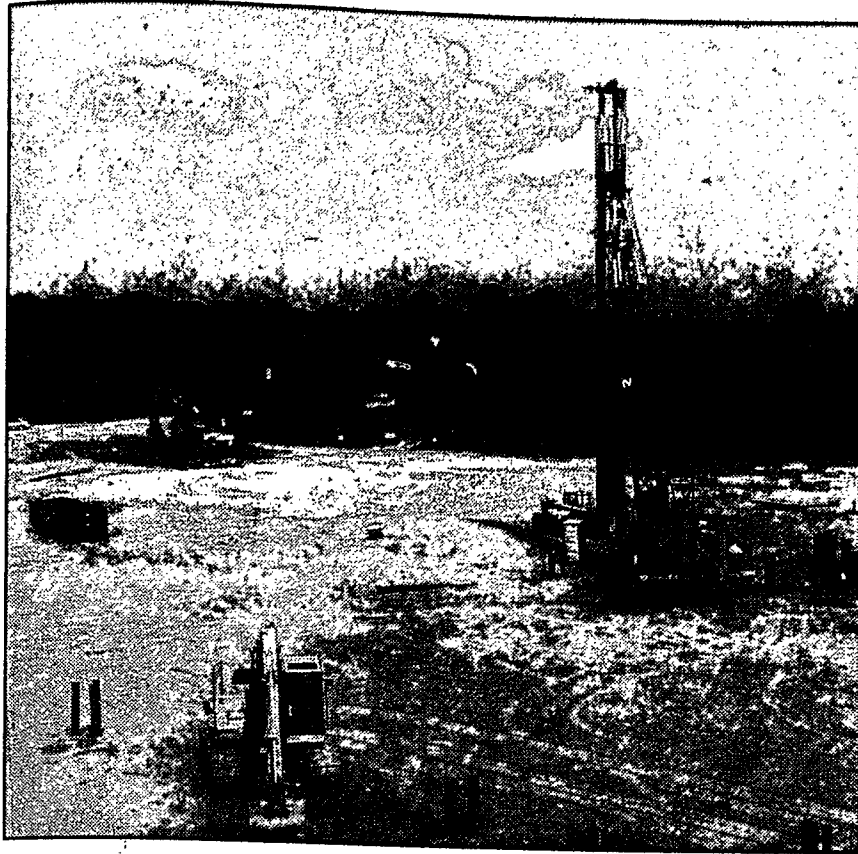
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Site preparation underway for a new 14-story, 300 room hotel at Casino Magic.

Casino Magic BSL receives permits to proceed with new hotel project

ECHO STAFF REPORT
Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has received its building, mechanical and plumbing permits from the city to proceed with its new 14-story, 300-room hotel project.

According to City Building Official Bill Carrieger, the building permit was received for the amount of \$47,132 with an evaluation of work for over \$23 million.

The plumbing and mechanical permits were received Monday for a combined cost of just over \$11,000. The mechanical permit was based on the evaluation of work for over \$3 million, and the plumbing permit was based on the number of fixtures.

"We are excited to get the hotel project kicked off and are looking forward to its completion in summer 2002," said Casino Magic Bay St. Louis General Manager Todd Raziano.

Penn National purchased Casino Magic Bay St. Louis in August 2000. The 591-acre Casino Magic Bay St. Louis property consists of an 18-hole Arnold Palmer-designed golf course, an existing 201-room hotel, a 100-site RV park, a marina and a 22,000-square-foot entertainment facility.

It is the only Gulf Coast casino with an on-site championship golf course and RV park and was the first large concept casino in the world.

"This project is the next single largest economic develop-

ment tool in Bay St. Louis since Casino Magic originally located here in 1992," said Bay St. Louis Mayor Eddie Favre. "I know that Penn National Gaming will be the same good corporate citizen as the first Casino Magic Corp. was."

Penn National also owns and operates the Boomtown Casino in Biloxi as well as three race-tracks and 11 off-track wagering (OTW) facilities located in Pennsylvania (two tracks and 11 OTWs) and West Virginia (one track).

Penn National intends (subject to certain conditions) to complete its previously announced acquisition of CRC Holdings, Inc. and the minority interest in Louisiana Casino Cruises, Inc. (LCCI) not owned by CRC.

LCCI owns and operates the Casino Rouge, a riverboat gaming facility in Baton Rouge, and CRC has a management contract for Casino Rama located in Canada on the Chippewas of Mnjikaning First Nation land.

Friede Goldman Halter update

WORK RESUMES

Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. (OTCBB: FGHLQ) announced that work has resumed on the Pasha Hawaii Transport Lines (PHTL) car carrier being constructed in Halter's Pascagoula shipyard.

Some 300 workers on this project are currently being contacted and asked to report to work for their regularly scheduled shifts. Work was temporarily suspended earlier this week pending contract negotiations for the interim resumption of work.

The negotiations were successfully concluded, and the agreement approved by bankruptcy Judge Edward Gaines.

NEW CONSTRUCTION

Halter Marine, Inc., the vessel segment of Friede Goldman Halter, Inc. has signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) for the new construction of a 220-foot offshore supply vessel.

"We have a good, solid background in building these types of vessels," said Richard McCreary, president of Halter Marine, Inc.

"They have been consistently profitable projects for us, and we are very excited about getting started on this vessel."

According to the LOI, construction is scheduled to begin within 30 days of the final contract signing.

RIG DEPARTS

The "Leiv Eiriksson," the first of two world-class, fifth-generation deepwater semisubmersible drilling units under construction by Friede Goldman Offshore for the Norwegian company, Ocean Rig ASA, has departed the shipyard.

The "Leiv Eiriksson" and the "Eirik Raude" are the largest and most complex rigs ever

built in the United States.

They are designed to drill to 30,000 feet below the earth's surface in water depths up to 7,500 feet and to keep drilling even in force 8 gales and while experiencing 40-foot waves.

The unit is being towed from Friede Goldman Offshore's Pascagoula facility to undergo final outfitting, including the installation of the dynamic positioning thruster system.

"We are extremely pleased to complete the shipyard portion of work on the 'Leiv Eiriksson,'" said John Afford, president and chief executive officer of Friede Goldman Halter.

"This program has been a challenge to all parties involved, and we are exceptionally proud of the workmanship that went into these rigs."

The second semisubmersible, the "Eirik Raude," is still under construction and is expected to leave the Pascagoula yard by the end of the year.

PAY CUTS

Al senior management members have taken substantial salary cuts, in some cases as high as 40 percent, in an effort to aggressively assist the company in its reorganization efforts.

J.L. Holloway, chairman of the company's board of directors, has worked with some of these managers for more than 18 years.

"I am extremely proud of the devotion and dedication displayed by the people involved in these cuts. I know this is a difficult time, but this show of faith in the company's recovery is indicative of our belief that we are well on our way to successful reorganization."

PSC plans for new area code in Mississippi

The North American Numbering Plan administrator has determined that Mississippi is out of telephone numbers using the "601" area code.

The plan administrator has drafted a number of plans, and the Mississippi Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on May 23 to see which of those plans will best suit the residents of Mississippi.

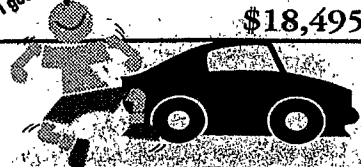
This would add another area code over the same territory as the 601 area code. The hearing will be held in Jackson at the Walter Sillers Building in the PSC courtroom May 23 starting at 10 a.m.

Anyone who would like to make comments, but will be unable to attend the hearing, may write to Callahan at PO Box 1174, Jackson, MS 39215-1174.

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Hancock Holding declares dividend

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Approved during Hancock's regular May 2001 board of directors meeting, the dividend is payable June 15, 2001, to shareholders of record as of June 5, 2001.

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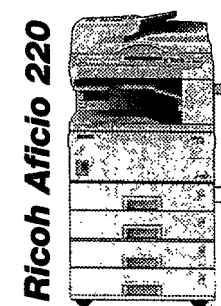
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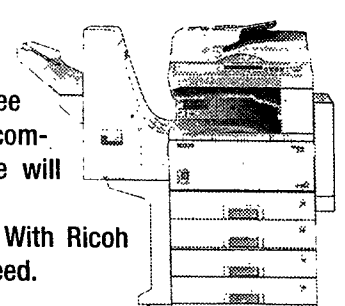
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They're in the money!



Principal Dr. Donna Jones and grant team members, Donna Torres and Susan Ganin have a lot to smile about, a \$400,000 grant awarded to Waveland Elementary School.

Waveland Elementary School gets \$400K Reading Excellence grant

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Waveland Elementary School will receive a federal grant totalling more than \$400,000 from the Reading Excellence Act (REA). The funds are part of a \$31 million grant awarded to the state of Mississippi to increase the capacity of school districts to fund reading improvement programs and tutorial assistance.

The grant will begin funding reading programs as early as

this summer, said Principal Dr. Donna Jones, with the distribution of the funds stretched over the next two and a half years. The district will concentrate some of its efforts on pre-school preparation, home visits to teach parents how to better prepare their children for reading, and professional development classes for teachers, as well as in school programs.

The REA lists its five main purposes to be: Providing children with reading readiness skills in early childhood; teach-

ing every child to read by the third grade or before; improving children's reading skills and teachers instructional skills; increasing the number of family literacy programs; and providing early intervention to children who are experiencing reading difficulties.

The award of the grant was a result a team effort by Jones and teachers, Donna Torres, Susan Genin, Tina Necaise, Danna Trotter, Jean Foster, Tabitha Thomas, Betsy Jacobs, Portia Stewart, and Gay Spell.

Knight receives fellowship from Science Foundation

SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Three Mississippi State University engineering students, including a Bay St. Louis native, are National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellows for 2001.

Melissa K. Knight of Bay St. Louis, Katherine A. Taconi of Biloxi and Benjamin D. Womack of Utica are receiving fellowships worth \$18,000 annually for three years of graduate-level study.

Each also receives an additional \$10,500 annually for tuition and fees.

The December honor graduates of MSU were among more than 5,500 students nationwide applying for the 900 NSF awards given this year. Selections were based on academic records, Graduate Record Exam scores and the applicants' research proposals.

Knight received a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in biological engineering.

She is the daughter of Linda J. Knight and a 1996 Our Lady Academy graduate.

Currently, she is pursuing a master's degree in biomedical engineering at Duke University, where she is working on the development of a new injectable protein matrix for repairing or replacing damaged cartilage tissues.

Biomedical engineer Joel Bumgardner was Knight's undergraduate academic and research advisor at MSU, where she worked to determine if cell culture methods used in one laboratory can be duplicated accurately in others conducting the same type of research.

The University of Alabama at Birmingham and the Medical University of Hanover, Germany, also participated in the project, which received the outstanding undergraduate research award at the 2000 Southern Medical Engineering Conference.

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Purple coneflowers are good perennials



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Purple coneflowers, known botanically as Echinacea, may be named after a hedgehog or a sea urchin, but these wonderful Mississippi natives are one of my favorite perennials.

Now is the best time to plant purple coneflowers. Select a healthy-growing transplant in a 4-inch container and you will most likely find success.

These small plants without buds are still producing roots and green leaves and will be happy in your garden. This also goes for rudbeckias, Shasta daisies and coreopsis.

Choose a site in full sun for best flower performance. I assume many of you have soil like mine which takes a small stick of dynamite or a jackhammer to break apart. We can assist the happiness of the plants greatly by incorporating 3 to 4 inches of organic matter and tilling it in.

While tilling, go ahead and work in two pounds of a slow release 12-6-6 fertilizer per 100 square feet of bed space. Space your plants about two feet apart.

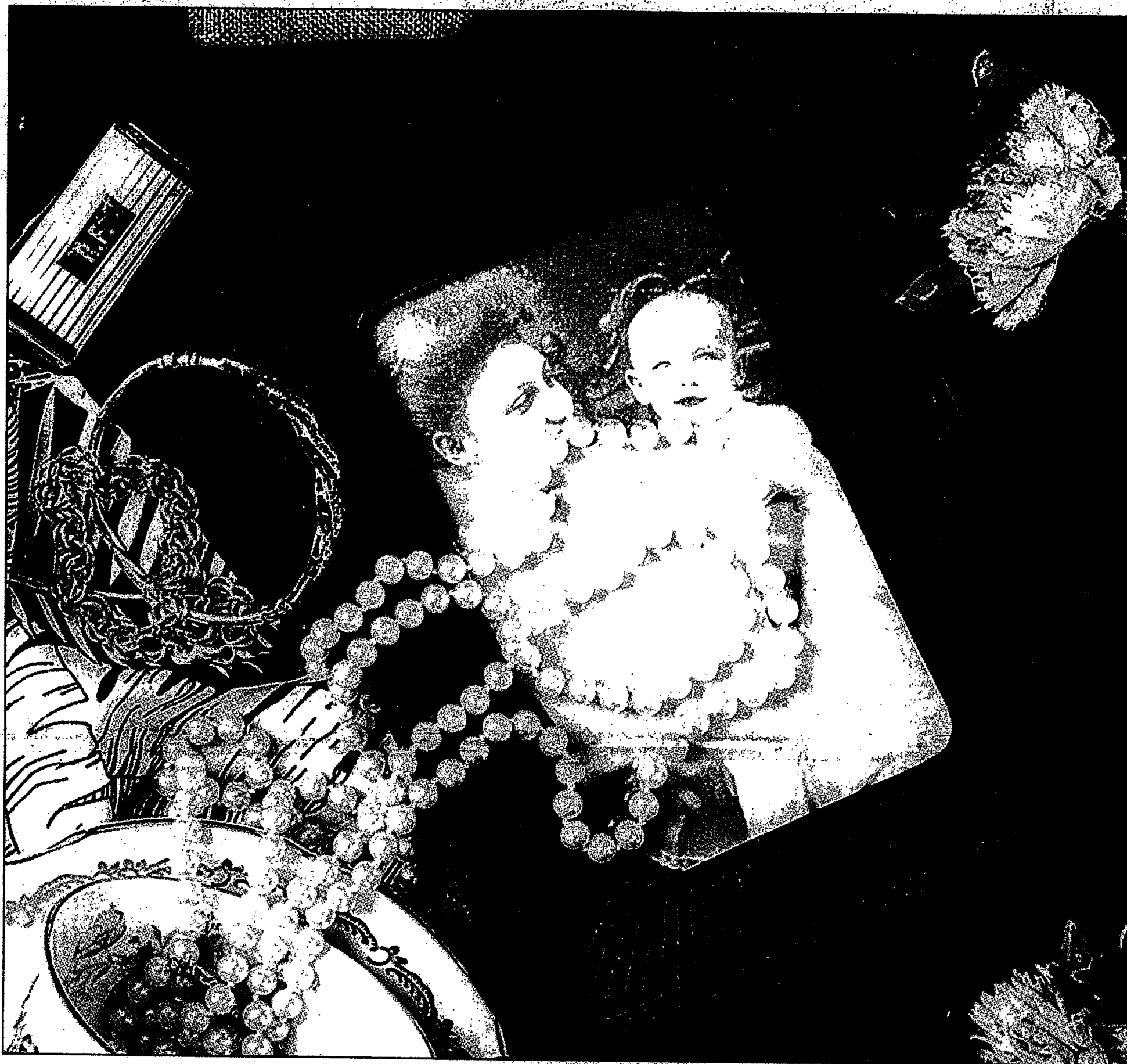
A teardrop-shaped drift will look awesome once they are blooming. Rudbeckias, coreopsis, Shasta daisies, salvias and angelonias make nice companion plantings. Buddleias and lantanas also combine well.

Try purple coneflowers with purple fountain grass or some of the miscanthus for a real showy display. If your garden

GARDEN--PAGE 4B

Happy Mother's Day!

Mom, for all you are and all you do, this day is just for you.



What is a mother?

When Evelyn Watkins asked some of her seventh-grade language arts students at Bay-Waveland Middle School that question, here were some of their responses.

Chantel Clark
"What is a mother?" We never

ask ourselves that, but maybe we should.

A mother is a very loving, caring, passionate, wonderful woman. A mother is a woman who loves and takes care of her children.

I think my mother is the best mother ever, but most children do. My mother has some qualities of a great mother. Here are some of the things that make her so special to me.

My mother does what she thinks is best for me and for all her children. She loves all four of us very much. I know that because

she tells us that all the time, even when she's correcting us.

My mother will do anything for her children, even if it means losing a few hours of sleep. She's even right beside our beds at night, giving us medicine if we're not feeling well.

My mother is a very special woman. Sometimes we don't give her enough credit, because we're too concerned with ourselves. But I think we need to start doing that now, before it's too late.

I think all mothers deserve credit. Even a simple "Thanks for

being there, Mom, when I needed you most" would do. Just remember to tell your mom how much you love and appreciate her before it's too late.

Tiffanie Rehm

A mother is someone who is understanding, who always helps you when you are blue. She always makes sure you have everything you need plus more.

A mother is someone who gives you a hand and doesn't expect one

MOTHER--PAGE 4B

'I Don't Know Nothin' About Birthin' Babies, Miss Scarlett!'

Stella and I watched a good movie last night.

We both like movies. This one was a well-crafted film, with excellent directing, acting and photography. It was one of those movies that afterward you realize that there were things in it that require you to see a second time.

The movie was "The Third Miracle" and we didn't see it at one of the local movie theaters; we rented it as a video.

There is a problem with seeing good movies of this type at our Coastal theaters. As far as the regional distributors of films are concerned, the Mississippi Gulf Coast racks up as being at the bottom of the list. Which means our movie theaters are allowed access to "Jaws #14", "Rocky #10", "Slaughter on Elm



Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza La Violette
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Street #23" and not movies such as "The Third Miracle," "Ran" or "My Uncle."

The fact that we can rent a certain amount of good movies means there is some hope. But mostly, our local video stores follow the trend of the movie theatres in what they stock. You will see 200 copies of "Animal House" (guaranteed in stock) and, if you are lucky, one copy of an exceptional-quality movie such as "The Third Miracle."

We do have several movie channels on cable television

that present quality movies, AMC, Bravo, and the New Orleans and Mississippi Educational Channels. What is particularly nice is that these channels are relatively commercial-free. They don't show current, or even near-current, movies and AMC seems to have a strange fixation on John Wayne movies, but I guess that's being picky. Stella and I are happy to at least have an access to see such diverse movies as "Zulu" and "Travels With Tonto."

Stella and I like movies. We

have a game we play in which we flick to one of the movie channels and in about ten seconds, try to name the movie as well as such extras as the stars and when it came out. Try it. You'll find it's fun and you will be surprised how many movies you know.

Once when a Cary Grant and Deborah Kerr movie came on AMC, Stella and I were nonplussed over what the name was. Lorelei, our teenage granddaughter looked up from the book she was reading and giving a quick glance at the screen said, "Isn't that 'An Affair to Remember'?" We decided not to play the game when she was visiting.

My addiction to movie watching started when I joined the Navy in '48 and found that aboard ship, a movie was shown every night after supper. This

happened whether you were tied up to the pier at Norfolk or in a howling gale off of Newfoundland. And the movies we saw were fairly current movies. This continued afterward when I rode ocean research ships and in time, the amount of movies I had seen grew.

Now with videotapes, a ship can carry hundreds of movies. This was true on the research vessel I was on in January of last year. We were in the northern Japan Sea off the coast of Vladivostok, Russia. The weather was terrible and on the odd days when this varied it was to become worse. Taking a shower required an agility exceeding that required of a washrag in a clothes dryer.

So when off watch, we were limited to the things we could do beyond talking or watching

movies.

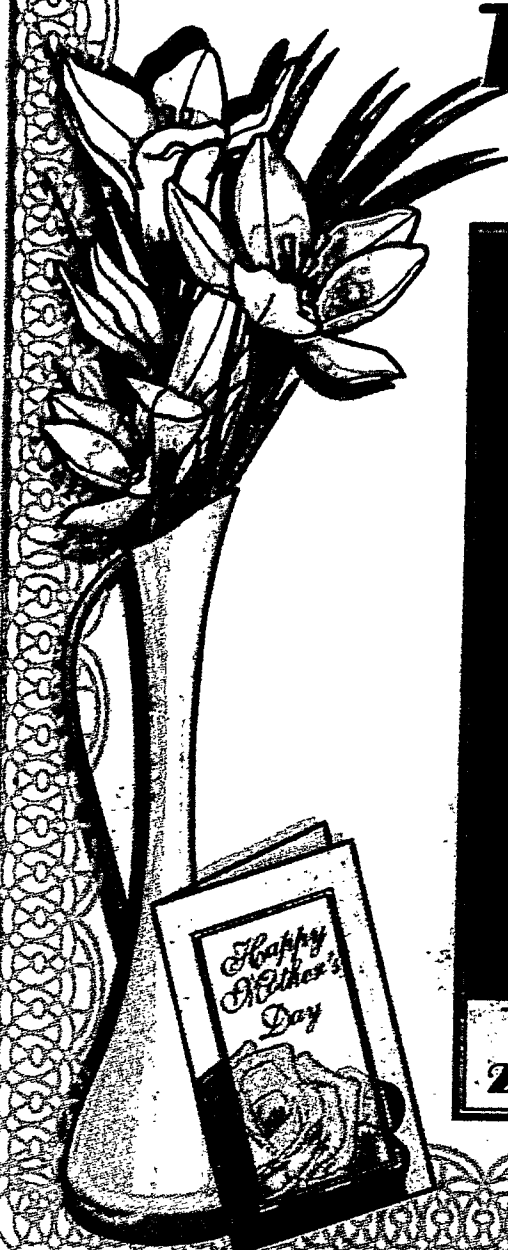
I remember being in the middle of watching "Sling Blade" in the ship's darkened television room, when my watch mate came in and said it was time to launch a balloon. This meant going aft to a small hangar-like stall, inflate a balloon, attach instruments to it and then release it into the night air from the fantail. Although cold, all this was fairly simple.

All that is, but the launching part. This sometimes took the two of us in survival gear and lifelines struggling to take the balloon over the ice-covered deck to the stern. When we got back inside afterwards, we often had ice on our faces and eyebrows from the blowing sea spray.

But while colorful, the diffi-

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The Sea Coast Echo Congratulates the 2001 Mother of the Year*



Theresa Barnes
2001 Mother of the Year

Words alone cannot express how wonderful my mother is. Her name is Theresa Barnes. She is 73 years old and has her health, a great attitude, and a beautiful smile. She is twice-widowed and has for the last 30 years taken care of a Down's Syndrome son 24 hours a day. My brother is "nothing but an angel and a blessing from the Lord", she says. She never complains or fusses. She takes care of him and still has time to be there for the rest of her five other children whenever we need her. She's never too tired to pray for all of our troubles or to be the perfect neighbor. She has taught me to have a positive attitude in life and to always look for something good in everything that happens to me. I can't imagine my life without her. My mother is beautiful on the inside as well as the outside. She is a rare gem and forever will be my Queen. I love you, Mom. Your baby daughter, Christina.

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Engagement



Compretta-Lee to wed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Patrick Compretta of Bay St. Louis announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennifer Ann Compretta of Waveland, to Michael Rhodes Lee of Waveland, son of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Rillens Lee of Waveland.

The bride-elect is a 1989 graduate of Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis and a 1994 graduate of Mississippi State University in Starkville, where she received a bachelor of science degree in electrical engineering.

She is also a 2001 graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Park, where she received a master's degree in business administration. She is employed with Mississippi Power Company in Gulfport.

Her grandparents are Mrs. Pauline Compretta of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. Joe Compretta and Mrs. Laura Ruhr Green of Waveland and the late Mr. Nicholas Dorich.

The future groom is a 1992 graduate of St. Stanislaus College in Bay St. Louis and a 1996 graduate of Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., where he received a bachelor of science degree in biology. He is also expecting his medical degree from the Louisiana State University Health Science Center in June 2001.

His grandparents are Mrs. Maebress Lee of Plaisance, La., and the late Mr. Aldes Lee and Mr. Willys Rhodes senior of Bay St. Louis and the late Mrs.



Jennifer Compretta

Grace Rhodes.

Vows will be exchanged at 3 p.m. June 9, 2001 at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis.

Births



SAVANNAH LYNN LAFONTAINE

Michael LaFontaine, Jr. and Crystal LaFontaine of Lakeshore announce the birth of their third child, Savannah Lynn, April 28, 2001 at 9:58 a.m. at Hancock Medical Center in Bay St. Louis. She weighed 6 pounds, 10 ounces.

Mrs. LaFontaine is the former Crystal Moran. Maternal grandparents are Naomi Moran of Lakeshore and the late Charles Moran.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Elaine LaFontaine of Lakeshore.

Great-grandparents include the late Mr. and Mrs. Agnel Moran, the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Fricke, the late Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Moran and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence LaFontaine.

Savannah is welcomed by brother Michael and sister Jordan.

LINDSEY CAROLINE CROUCHET

Mr. and Mrs. Courtland A. Crouchet, Jr. of Destrehan, La. announce the birth of a daughter, Lindsey Caroline, Jan. 31, 2001 at East Jefferson General Hospital in New Orleans.

Mrs. Crouchet is the former Cami Lynn Wheeler of Long Beach. Maternal grandparents are Hank and Judy Wheeler of Bay St. Louis, and maternal great-grandparents are Claire Trombley of North Adams, Mass. and the late George Trombley.

Paternal grandparents are Courtland and Kathy Crouchet of Meraux, La. and paternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Abram Hunt of Meraux.

Lindsey is welcomed by her brother, Courtland Adam III.

What's for Lunch? May 14-18

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BREAKFAST
Monday: Pancake and Sausage Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Tuesday: Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Wednesday: Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Thursday: Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

Friday: Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Macaroni and Cheese with Ham, BBQ Pork on Bun, Baked Corn, Baked Beans, Fresh Apple, Tropical Fruit Mix, Rice Krispie Treat

Tuesday: Chili and Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Steak Sandwich with Trimmings, Coleslaw, Peas and Carrots, Chilled Peach Slices, Orange Smiles, Crackers, Chewy Fudge Brownie

Wednesday: Red Beans with Rice and Sausage, Chicken Sandwich with Trimmings, Seasoned Potato Cuts, Seasoned Green Beans, Fresh Banana, Strawberry Blend, Mexican Cornbread

Thursday: Chili Cheese Fritos, American Sub Sandwich, Green Peas, Carrot Sticks with Dip, Fruit Cocktail, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Jell-O Cake

Friday: Beef Patty with Rice and Gravy, Sloppy Joe, Seasoned Lima Beans, Garden

Salad with Dressing, Chilled Pear Slices, Applesauce, Yeast Roll

Hancock North Central Gulfview Charles B. Murphy and East Hancock Elementary Schools Served daily: Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments

BREAKFAST

Monday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Tuesday: Ham Biscuit, Juice

Wednesday: Cheese Toast, Juice

Thursday: Breakfast Pizza, Juice

Friday: Sausage Biscuit, Juice

LUNCH

Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Raw Veggies, Peaches, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice and Sausage, Sliced Turkey on Bun with Gravy, Chef Salad, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo, Ham Pobo, Tossed Salad, Whole Kernel Corn, Potato Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Pot Roast with Gravy, BBQ Sandwich, Chef Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Salisbury Steak, Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy

Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie

Hancock High and Middle Schools Served daily: Chef Salad, Bread, Dessert, Milk and Condiments

LUNCH
Monday: Cheesy Chicken over Rice, Meatball Sandwich, Cheeseburger, Oven Fries, Steamed Broccoli, Tossed Salad, Peach Slices, Fruit Juice, Yeast Rolls, Pudding

Tuesday: Red Beans and Rice and Sausage, Hot Roast on Bun with Gravy, Chef Salad, Ranch Baked Fries, Cheesy Calif. Veggies, Tossed Salad, Fruit Cocktail, Fruit Juice, Cornbread, Crackers, Gelatin

Wednesday: Chicken Gumbo, Ham Pobo, Chef Salad, French Fries, Corn on the Cob, Tossed Salad, Chilled Pears, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Crackers, Fruit Crisp

Thursday: Hamburger, BBQ Sandwich, Chef Salad, Whipped Potatoes, Green Beans, Tossed Salad, Sliced Apples, Fruit Juice, Biscuit, Crackers, Pudding

Friday: Pizza, Fish Nuggets, Texas Grilled Cheese, Spicy Fries, Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Applesauce, Fruit Juice, Yeast Roll, Oatmeal-Raisin Cookie

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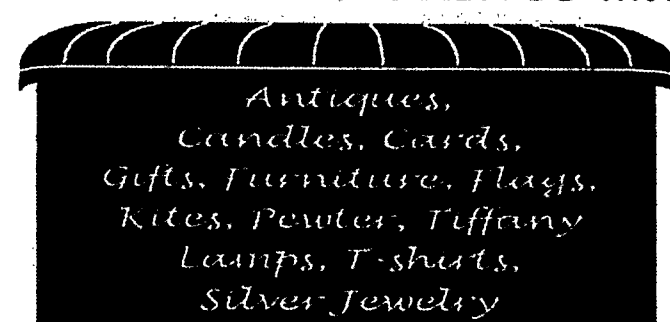
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Registration for summer GED classes

Preregistration for the Hancock County Library System's summer GED preparation classes is now open. Classes will begin Monday, June 4.

The 11-week independent study will include tutor-assisted instruction and will consist of classes in basic skills and GED preparation.

Classes in math and writing will meet Mondays and Tuesdays from 3:30 to 8 p.m. June 4 through August 14 at the Waveland Library Literacy Center at 333 Coleman Avenue.

Out-of-school adults, 18 years or older, who need basic remedial/literacy services in order to improve basic skills to attain a GED are eligible for the program.

Persons interested in registering for the program should come to the Waveland Library Literacy Center or call Donna Hutchings at 467-9240.

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Mother -- all you are to us

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back. She always shows that she loves you.

A mother is someone who you see every day, and when you get bad grades, she tries to help you pull them up.

A mother helps you to be careful. A mother is like your best friend. That is what I think a good mother is.

Ashley Green

A mother is someone who nurtures and cares for you.

She will always be there, no matter whatever you are going through.

She should be nice and pretty. She should be kind and smart.

She will always be there when you finish even when you start.

She's sensitive, she's tough, she's willing, and she's rough.

She should be kind of aggressive, but not really all that much.

She should have a loving family and a wonderful life.

She shouldn't want anything else, because she has everything she has ever desired.

Jessica Island

A mother is a very important thing to have. A mother can

come in many different types.

I think a mother should be caring, loving, supportive, and warm-hearted. A mother should all nurture her kids. She should have a warm, tingling feeling in her body every time she sees her kids happy or when she does something for them.

When a mother has a baby, all she wants to do is hold it tightly and not let any harm come to it. All a mother wants to do is hold her baby and give it all the love she possible has to give.

It is sad that there are some mothers in this world who do not do anything for their kids. That is why I am so glad that my mother is everything that I just wrote about. That's why this Mother's Day I want to dedicate this essay to my loving, warm-hearted mother, Jerri Valitchka.

Thanks for everything, Mom. Keep up the good work.

Jessica Keeton

My mother is the most important person in my life. A mother is someone who gives birth to you and guides you throughout your life.

A mother, to me, is someone

who cares, someone who listens when you're down or in trouble, and someone who helps you with problems. She is always willing to sit and talk things out with you.

My mother is someone very special in my life and in others' lives. A mother has to be understanding, and my mom is everything I just mentioned, and more.

Maja Alombro

A mother is someone who is a very special person. She is always caring and loving. She will always be there for you through thick and thin - to shelter you and protect you.

A mother is someone you can talk to about your problem, someone to share your dreams, your thoughts, your love, and your happiness with. She will be there for you when you are sad, lonely, and down about someone or something that

hurt you.

A mom has a very special place in your heart. There she will always stay. We all should feel very thankful and lucky for our mothers. They are the ones who tuck us in at night and give us a good-night hug and kiss.

Without my mom, I would be lost. She is everything to me. I'm so glad for mothers. Without mothers in this world, we would be helpless and confused.

Tina Fontenot

To me a mother is someone who is there each and every day and in any way. She loves you and cares for you. When you feel you have no one else, you will always have her.

My mother is very special to me. We have our good and bad times, but she is always there for me. I love her with all my heart.

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Garden

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club members see this, they will think you went to some specialized training program during your vacation.

Often you find the purple coneflower sold generically, but the Perennial Plant Association named Magnus purple coneflower as its Perennial Plant of the Year in 1998.

Magnus was selected for its vibrant, rose-purple flowers and is a real winner in the garden. Its petals remain horizontal rather than drooping toward the ground.

Bravado is another variety that you may want to try. I am much impressed with this selection that has large 4- to 5-inch flowers with a wonderful fragrance, particularly in the morning.

As Echinacea, purple coneflowers have long been favorites with gardeners in the South and now have found their way to the health food aisle in stores as medicinal plants.

American Indians used it to cure a number of ailments, and now herbalists use it in teas and pills. It has been credited with anti-inflammatory properties, tissue regeneration abilities and immune system stimulation.

Another great attribute is that they attract butterflies like the Painted Lady and birds eat their seeds. That make coneflowers among the best plants

for landscapes dedicated to wildlife.

Purple coneflowers are also great as cut flowers. If you let one get past its prime, simply pick the petals off and use the brown cone in the vase. Don't throw the arrangement away when you're finished. Let the flowers dry completely and then scatter the seeds around for a denser planting.

I try to preach patience when growing perennials and roses - they get better with a little age. The same is true with purple coneflowers.

More flowers are produced in the second and third years. Purple coneflowers are perennials whose clumps can be divided in the fall when necessary. This may not need to be done for three or more years. It also can be propagated from its own seed.

After you grow Echinacea for a few years, you will wonder how someone could name such a pretty flower after a hedgehog. At least they didn't stick the name weed on the end of it!

EDITOR'S NOTE: Norman Winter is a horticulturist with Mississippi State University's Extension Service. His office is located at the Central Mississippi Research and Extension Center at 1320 Seven Springs Road, Raymond, MS 39154.

Views

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culties involved in launching the balloon are not what I am talking about here. What I am talking about is my drastic withdrawal from the world that was the movie to the lurching maelstrom that was our real world.

In the darkened room where I watched "Sling Blade," the plot of the drama enveloped me and that became my world. Suddenly with the call to go on watch, I found myself wrenched out of that world, lurching with my friend down an iron ladder through heaving passageways toward the stern of a ship moving through a storm-wracked sea.

Suddenly, I was no longer in the psychotically-violent world of the movie, but in a far different world, a world of physically-noisy tangible violence. The feeling of a surrealistic juxtapositioning was so strong that, as I walked down the passageways, I was for moments in both worlds.

Movies, good movies, can be powerful like that.

Think back for a minute and remember "Mr. Roberts." This was a WWII movie about a ship going endlessly back and forth between two islands and the maddening boredom that the men faced. Remember them watching movies on the fantail and how the plot tried to show how important the showing of the movie was to their morale.

It's hard for us now to know

how really important this was to these men, "Mr. Roberts" was, after all, just another funny war movie. But during WWII, movies were shown each day in cramped mess halls on navy ships moving in a war torn world.

These ships were on war patrol not only in the tropical waters of the south Pacific, but in the violent seas off Greenland in the North Atlantic, and in the freezing spray-washed seas off Attu in the Bering Sea.

Remember these were men far from home involved in the struggle of a world caught in a raging nightmare. Like I was in the Sea of Japan, movies gave these men a chance to leave that world for a brief period. For those brief hours, they were able to relax, to become part of a world of fantasy far away from the harsh realism they were actually involved in.

In my case, when my one-month cruise was over and we returned to port, I was able to return to our house on the Coast and sit on the porch with Stella or walk Jennie and Holley on the beach by the Mississippi Sound.

Think what it was like for the men on the ships in that time when they had to get up and, going back on watch, return to their real world, a world unlike mine, a world engaged in a long, drawn-out brutal war.

2000 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report City of Waveland PWS# 0230002 May 2001

We're pleased to present to you this year's Annual Water Quality Report. This report is designed to inform you about the quality water and services we deliver to you every day. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. We want you to understand the efforts we make to continually improve the water treatment process and protect our water resources. We are committed to ensuring the quality of your water. Our water source is from four wells pumping from the Graham Ferry Formation and the Pascagoula Formation.

Our source water assessment is currently being conducted and is not available at this time. As soon as it is completed, you will be notified and copies of this assessment will be available at our office.

If you have any questions about this report or concerning your water utility, please contact Ray Eaton/Dwight Haskell at 228-467-9248. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water utility. If you want to learn more, please attend any of our regularly scheduled meetings. They are held on the first Tuesday and third Wednesday of each month at 6:30PM at the City Annex Building.

The City of Waveland routinely monitors for constituents in your drinking water according to Federal and State laws. This table shows the results of our monitoring for the period of January 1st to December 31st, 2000. As water travels over the land or underground, it can pick up substances or contaminants such as microbes, inorganic and organic chemicals, and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled drinking water, may be reasonably expected to contain at least small amounts of some constituents. It's important to remember that the presence of these constituents does not necessarily pose a health risk.

In this table you will find many terms and abbreviations you might not be familiar with. To help you better understand these terms we've provided the following definitions:

Action Level - the concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT) - A treatment technique is a required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Contaminant Level - The "Maximum Allowed" (MCL) is the highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal - The "Goal" (MCLG) is the level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

TEST RESULTS

Contaminant	Violation Y/N	Date Collected	Level Detected	Range of Detects or # of Samples MCL/ACL	Unit Measurement	MCLG	MCL	Likely Source of Contamination
RADIOACTIVE CONTAMINANTS								
4. Beta/photons emitters	N	2000	.9	NO RANGE	Pci/1	0	50	Decay of natural and man-made deposits
5. Alpha emitters	N	2000	1.6	NO RANGE	Pci/1	0	15	Erosion of natural deposits
INORGANIC CONTAMINANTS								
10. Barium	N	2000	.011	.006-.011	Ppm	2	2	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
13. Chromium	N	2000	7	4-7	Ppb	100	100	Discharge from steel and pulp mills; erosion of natural deposits
14. Copper	N	1998*	.205	0	Ppm	1.3	AL=1.3	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives
17. Lead	N	1998*	3	0	Ppm	0	AL=15	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits

*Most recent sample. No sample required for 2000.

As you can see by the table, our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements. We have learned through our monitoring and testing that some constituents have been detected however they are not above the level considered unsafe.

All sources of drinking water are subject to potential contamination by substances that are naturally occurring or man made. These substances can be microbes, inorganic or organic chemicals and radioactive substances. All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by cryptosporidium and other micro-biological contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Please call our office if you have questions. We at the City of Waveland work hard to provide quality at every tap. We ask that all our customers help us protect our water sources, which are the heart of our community, our way of life and our children's future.

Alligators and crocodiles to highlight story hours

"Under the Sea" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, set for Wednesday, May 16, at 10:30 a.m.

Inch by Inch, *Moving Day* and *Polka Dot* are the books to be read during the program. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making shell necklaces.

This story hour will mark the end of the program until September, so the children will enjoy a good-bye party.

"Alligators and Crocodiles" will be the theme for the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, May 17, at 10:30 a.m.

Mama Don't Allow, *Conga Crocodile* and *There's a Crocodile Under My Bed* are the books to be featured during the program. The children will enjoy a fingerplay and will make an alligator puppet.

The story hours at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library and the Kiln Public Library will be the last ones of the season until September.

Children are urged to contact

the library branch nearest them to inquire about the library system's 2001 Summer Reading Program. Preregistration for the program will begin Monday, May 21. Weekly story hours are held September through May. Programs last approximately one half hour, depending upon subject matter and planned activity.

Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children three to five years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school group.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

Haynes, Necaise attend workshop

Myra Haynes and Evelyn Necaise of the Hancock County Library System Technical Services Department recently attended a hands-on book repair/preservation workshop at the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg.



Blue J's 1939-40 basketball team

Basketball was 'the sport' of St. Joseph's Academy in Bay St. Louis for many years. Billie Tudury of Bay St. Louis is contributor of this photo and was a member of the SJA Blue J's basketball team of 1939-40. She said she remembers the names of several of the team members, but not all. If someone knows the names of all team members, give us a call. Currently Beverly Zimmerman of Waveland is coordinating a St. Joseph Academy Alumnae get-together planned for July 14. The Echo welcomes photos older than 25 years for publication. They will be returned to their owners.

Co-hosted by the Conservation Committee of the Mississippi Library Association and the University of Southern Mississippi's School of Library and Information Science, the workshop was conducted by Irmgard Wolfe, librarian and renowned preservationist.

The workshop presented an overview of library preservation efforts, plus hands-on demonstrations of a variety of repair

and re-housing procedures, such as tears, corner repairs, and hinge tightening.

The Hancock County Library System Technical Services Department is responsible for ordering, receiving, cataloging and physically preparing materials for all four branches of the system, mending and repair of damaged materials, processing invoices and maintaining the library's automated system.

Great Books discussion group to meet at library

The next Great Books discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, May 16, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

The group is currently studying the volume *And Justice For All: The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 50*. This special volume honors the 50th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the discussion group began in March, 1990. Since that time, members have read more than 345 titles and they have completed 110 readings from great books (Plato, Hobbes, Locke deTocqueville), Mississippi fiction, play readings and 20 philosophical questions. The

group meets every other Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The Great Books Foundation was established in 1947 by University of Chicago Chancellor Robert Maynard Hutchins.

Its mission is to provide people of all ages, backgrounds and walks of life with the opportunity to read, discuss and learn from outstanding works of literature. Today, more than 20,000 adults are members of Great Books discussion groups, and nearly one million students participate in Junior Great Books groups for grades kindergarten through 12.

Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. For information, call Jeanne Pierce at 467-5282.

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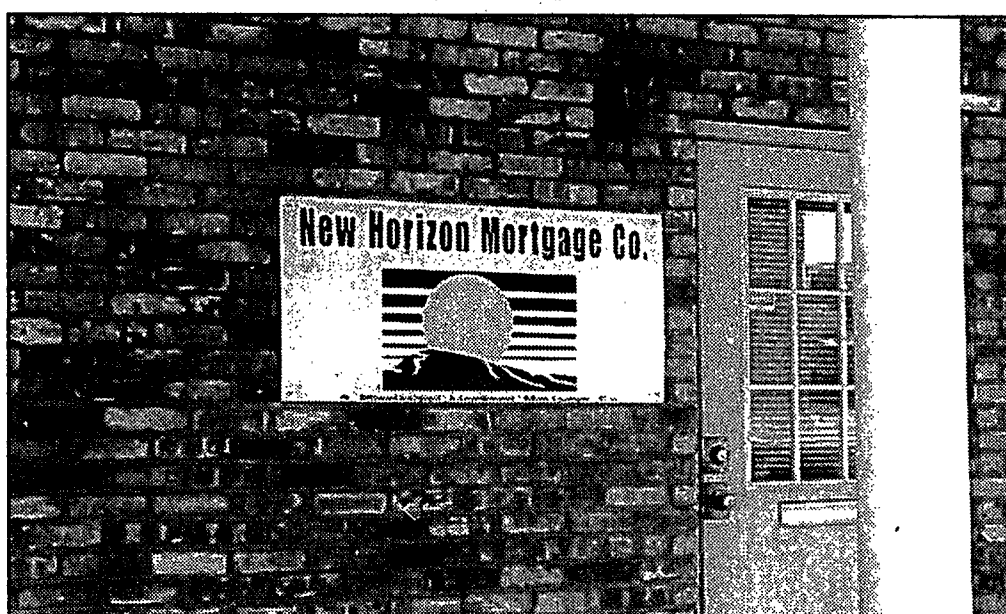
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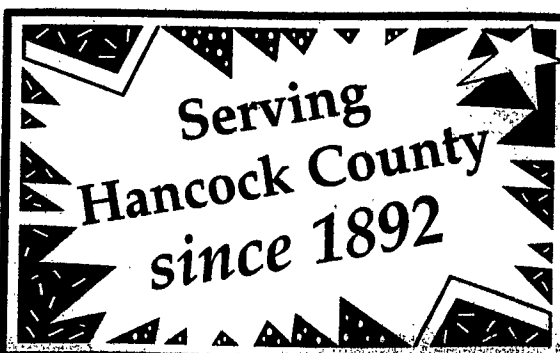
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It took some doing, folks, but after years of pursuing the idea and the very self-effacing ideal, I have it in my possession. What? I am finally comfortable with the thought of trading places with any other human being anywhere in the world, no matter what personal afflictions the person may have.

Now you may ask why anyone would get into thinking about such a thing. Well, there is precedent for it at the highest level possible, and, of course, the highest level possible is God. Speaking about Jesus Christ, Paul refers to him in his condition and status as the second person of the Holy Trinity.

"Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be clung to. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness" (Philippians 2:6-7).

There you have it, folks. From the consummate Authority who had nothing to gain and all to lose by letting go of his Godhead, we witness the eternal Word of God giving it all up and identifying wholly with each human wretch in our undesirable, various, sometimes painful, often repugnant conditions.

That is the Christmas story which rapidly evolved into the Galilee ministry, Good Friday's tree on Calvary and Easter Sunday's empty tomb.

The ultimate implications for us became apparent during the Last Supper on the first Holy Thursday when Jesus gave his sole commandment to his apostles:

"As the Father loves me, so I also love you... love one another as I love you" (John 15:9,12).

What a whopper! All 10 commandments are reduced to one so strong that Jesus commands us to love one another with the same intensity that his Father loves him and he in turn loves us. It goes without saying that all 10 commandments are more than consumed by that one awesome command.

So, if we profess to think the way the Master thought, we must remember first that Jesus identified with us to the point where "it was our infirmities that he bore, our sufferings that he endured... he was pierced for our offenses, crushed for our sins... by his stripes we were healed" (Isaiah 53:4).

He took our individual places and invites us to love each other with the same depth and intensi-

ty. So where does that lead us in our quest to be just like Jesus?

It leads us to observe each sister and brother with the same will-ingness to swap places with them, to relieve them of all their burdens.

Eying a frail, slow-witted, almost midget-sized man, I began to project myself into his body, mind and life. Yes, I would have no objections being that man or someone like him, severely restricted from a normal life. As Jesus did it for us, yes I could and would do it for him.

Next, I turned my attention to an AIDS patient reeling from the deadly symptoms of full-blown AIDS. As you may have personally witnessed, the manifestations of full-blown AIDS are most disturbing. With much more hesitation, I nodded to myself, saying yes I would willingly be that person.

Jesus became ugly because he took upon himself all the uglies which afflict us: "There was in him no stately bearing to make us look at him, nor appearance that would attract us to him. He was spurned and avoided by men... and we held him in no esteem" (53:2,3).

Scanning my surroundings, I then saw a very young paraplegic who was being pushed around the neighborhood in his wheelchair. Unfortunately, this is a not infrequent sight in the inner city, usually caused by gunshot wounds. Yes, I would also be willing to take his place with all his regrets and anger.

Multiple sclerosis, "the killer of young adults," lupus, another destroyer of the young, and a cocktail of diseases from diabetes and hypertension to heart and emotional ills make any of us pause to take on the illness of others. Still, in the spirit of the Man of Sorrows, I would be willing to exchange.

Sometimes connected with one or more of the above-mentioned afflictions, dreaded cancers strike mortal fear into most humans, divesting us of our security, comfort and physical joys. Nevertheless, I feel myself willing to take on this monster in the person of my sisters and brothers.

But why engage in this make-believe, impossible dream type of speculation? Because it is much more than speculation. It is the core of Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. And it works. It has changed forever my attitudes and feelings toward my most unfortunate sisters and brothers.

Dunbar Village celebrates
National Nursing Home Week

Traditionally, National Nursing Home Week begins on Mother's Day. Therefore, this year Nursing Home Week will be observed nationally and in Bay St. Louis May 13 through 19.

Dunbar Village Nursing Home Activities Director Carrie Candebat said, "With the help of community volunteers, the employees of Dunbar Village are holding a series of special events for our residents during National Nursing Home Week, beginning with a Mother's Day Tea at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

Special events, including those listed below, will continue through the week, and we welcome anyone who may wish to drop by for one of the scheduled activities."

• On Monday at 10 a.m., Mr. and Mrs. Crist will start the residents' day with a "Sing-Along". The day's activities will close with the Pineywood Cloggers at 6:30 p.m.

• On Tuesday at 9:30 a.m., Mr. Hodge will bring his beautiful

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• Wednesday will bring a full day of entertainment, including the Diamondhead Dancers at 10 a.m., Hancock Singers at 2 p.m. and Church of God Choir at 6:30 p.m.

• On Thursday at 2:30 p.m., "The Music Man," Bill Connelly, a favorite of Dunbar's residents, will entertain with his famous one-man band.

• Friday's events will be centered around a Homemade Ice Cream Party at 2 p.m.

National Nursing Home Week comes in the middle of Older Americans Month, a month when issues that concern older Americans are highlighted nationally: Arthritis Awareness, Osteoporosis Prevention, Better Hearing and Speech, Sight Saving and High Blood Pressure Education.

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"What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members? You lust and do not have; so you commit murder. You are envious and cannot obtain; so you fight and quarrel." (James 4:1-2).

Contentment is something you learn. You can do so by the grace of God. "I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am.... I can do all things through Him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:11 and 13).

God Can Change Your Heart

In the Bible, there are many examples of God changing a person's heart. Saint Paul, who at one time persecuted the Christians, had a change of heart and became an important person in the Bible. Mary Magdalene, who was a sinner healed of demons, turned her life around after she met Jesus. Many people cannot understand how such a transformation can happen in a person's life, nor how someone can seemingly go from bad to good almost overnight. Although we are all sinners, if

a person living in sin turns their life around, it seems that some are skeptical as to the person's sincerity in this regard. God can truly change hearts, and only He knows the true feelings that a person has. Our Lord who forgives us wants us to forgive and understand others. The Bible tells us, "If anyone makes himself clean from all those evil things, he will be used for special purposes, because he is dedicated and useful to his Master, ready to be used for every good deed" (2 Timothy 2:21).

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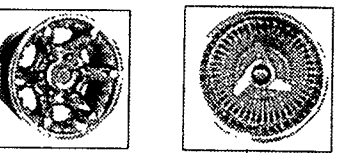
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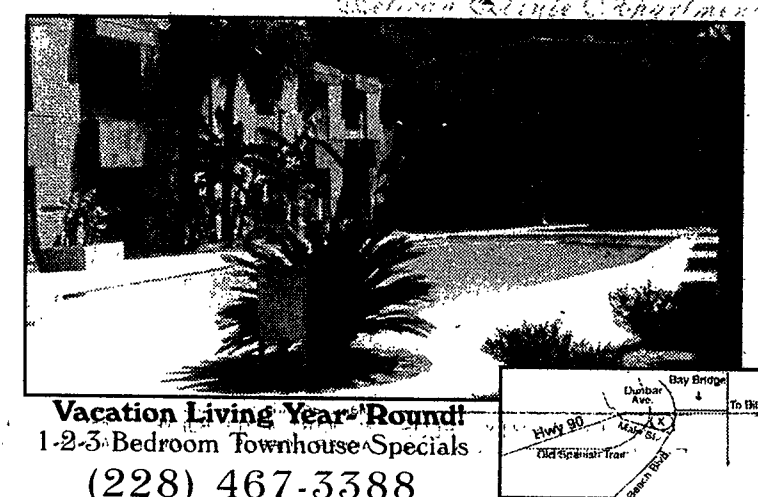
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Andrew Wyeth exhibit at Mississippi Museum of Art

The world premier of Andrew Wyeth's *Close Friends*, an exhibition of 74 original works depicting the African-American friends and neighbors of America's most celebrated living artist are on view now through May 13 at the Mississippi Museum of Art in Jackson.

This rare and remarkable survey, accompanied by a full audio tour richly narrated by Morgan Freeman, explores the world just over the ridge from Wyeth's Pennsylvania studio.

Documented here are the lives of a proud and strong people, as seen through the eyes of the artist, who grew up with, knew and loved them.

"These works are, perhaps, among the artist's purest paintings, ones that are virtually devoid of metaphor and symbolism. The subjects are real," said R. Andrew Maass, director of the Mississippi Museum of Art.

"These are images of Americans - African-Americans

- who don't usually see images of themselves featured as art museum exhibitions. Yet truly, these are works where the only distinction between black and white are the hues and colors on a piece of paper or panel. These drawings, watercolors, and temperas document Wyeth's close friends while he explores color, texture and nature. This life

time of work is about Andrew Wyeth's home and community - the world in which he really lives," continued Maass.

Organized by the Mississippi Museum of Art in close cooperation with the artist, *Andrew Wyeth: Close Friends* is the first critical look at a significant body of works depicting the artist's African-American friends and neighbors in Chadds Ford, Pa., from 1933

to the present.

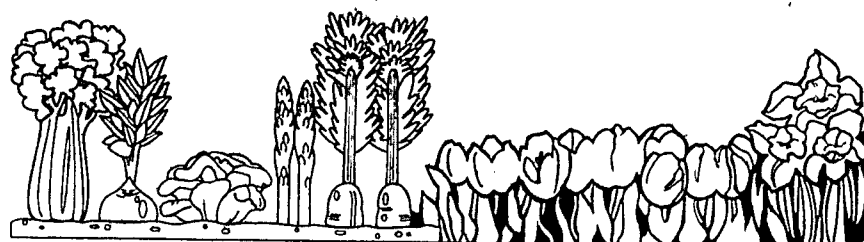
Included in the exhibition are graphite drawings, watercolors, major oil paintings and egg tempera paintings from numerous lenders, including major U.S. museums and private collectors across the country, as well as 30 works from the personal collection of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wyeth.

Several weeks ago when touring the installation at the Mississippi Museum of Art, Andrew Wyeth commented, "I consider this the most intimate show I have ever had. I'm just sorry that my close friends could not have seen it."

Also included with the exhibition are 10 contemporary black and white photographs of the artist taken by his granddaughter, Victoria Wyeth.

These photographs, which portray Andrew Wyeth in both his studio and home, are displayed in the final gallery of the Mississippi Museum of Art exhibition.

Said Victoria of her photographs, "In addition to learning about my grandfather's art, I want people to see him as a person."



Children's gardening classes offered at Crosby Arboretum

Children will have a hands-on opportunity to learn about plants and gardening at a newly constructed garden facility at The Crosby Arboretum, Mississippi State University Extension Service, in Picayune.

The Explorer's Garden consists of 1,200 square feet of raised beds arranged to provide a walking journey through the garden from a child's perspective. The garden was built with donations given by members of the Crosby Arboretum.

Children's gardening classes will begin Saturday, May 19, and be conducted every other Saturday morning for six weeks until June 23.

Jane Flower, Crosby Arboretum volunteer and Pearl River County master gardener, will conduct the classes.

Children will learn about planting seeds, propagating cuttings, annuals and perennials, watering, and other gardening topics. Classes will begin at 8:30

am. and last until 10 a.m. The program is designed for children ages 6 to 9 years old, and is free to interested participants.

The classes are limited to the first 15 registrants, and parents must pre-register children before Friday, May 18 by calling the Crosby Arboretum office at (601) 799-2311, extension 21.

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Pure Gold, May 13

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Stan Wayne's Heart & Soul, May 22 - June 3

May Entertainment in the Magic Entertainment Complex:

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The second quarterly drawings, worth \$125,000, are just around the corner July 30, 31 & August 1.

Earn your entries today! The more you play, the greater your chances of winning. See the Magic Money Players Club for details.

Fortune Frenzy Every Thursday in May

Beginning May 3, Casino Magic Bay St. Louis is having a Fortune Frenzy each Thursday

from 6 to 10 p.m. A total of \$5,000 to be won. Simply play slots or tables using your Magic Money Players Club card. Players will be randomly selected from 6 to 10 p.m. You could win cash on the spot.

"YU-KON Win" a 2001 full-loaded Yukon at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

Through May 31, earn tickets to win a brand new Yukon at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Earn tickets while you play slots, table games and keno, plus receive one free entry ticket per account per day at the Magic Money Players Club.

Tickets may be placed in the drawing barrel, the day of the drawing (May 31) 4 - 8 p.m. Ten people will be drawn on May 31 at 9 p.m. You must be present to participate. Each person drawn will receive a key. If your key fits the Yukon, YU-CAN drive away a winner! See Players Club for details.

Firedogs Radio Show Broadcast Live from the Lobby with Coach Irvin Favre

Join Coach Favre as he recaps each home game live from the main lobby of Casino Magic Bay St. Louis at 7 p.m. Each show follows the previous week's home game with special guests. See below for live home game show dates:

Monday, May 28
Tuesday, June 12
Monday, June 18
Monday, July 9
Monday, July 16

Punch Out Game Wins You More Cash

For hand-paid jackpots of \$500 or more, winners are invited for a chance to win twice. Tuesday, May 30, 6:30 - 8 p.m., winners are invited to participate in the monthly Punch Out Game for a chance to win \$7,500 in prizes in a unique "game show" format called "Jackpot Punch Out." Punch the game board and win a surprise

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See the Magic Money Players Club for details. Must be a Magic Money member. Membership is free.

Stay & Play Overnight Packages at the Bay

One Night Stay (weekend) is \$39.50 at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis or \$54.50 (weekend). Two-night packages are available as well.

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TOURNAMENTS:
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To enter, guests must accumulate 25 points within 7 days prior to tournament date. Tournaments held every third Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 10 p.m. Register at VIP Guest Services. Space is limited. Each session consists of 8 minutes of free credit play. In the event of a tie, a playoff round will determine the winner. Prize Breakdown: 1st: \$500; 2nd: \$250; 3rd: \$125; 4th: \$75 and 5th: \$50 (Total: \$1,000). Must be a Magic Money Players Club Member.

Membership is free at the Magic Money Players Club.

Spring Showers of Keno Kash

Spring Showers of Keno Kash includes eight Keno Kash drawings and one FastKeno Tournament throughout May.

The remaining Keno Kash drawings are May 11 and 18 at 8 p.m. The final drawing is May 18 at 9 p.m.

Guests receive one ticket for each \$25 in Keno play, for hot seat winners and randomly stamped keno tickets. All weekly winners of the Keno Kash drawings receive a free entry into the FastKeno Tournament on May 25 at 9 p.m.

Keno Kash prizes are: First place wins \$200 in Keno Kash; Second place wins \$100 in Keno Kash; Third place wins \$50 in Keno Kash. The prizes for the FastKeno Tournament are: 1st prize is \$500 cash, 2nd prize is \$400 cash; 3rd prize is \$300 cash; and 4th prize is \$200 cash. 5th place is \$100 in KenoKash.

Blueberry Jubilee is June 9

The 18th annual Blueberry Jubilee will be Saturday, June 9 in downtown Poplarville.

There will be entertainment, food, more than 200 arts and crafts vendors, storytelling, a 5K run, wagon rides to the USDA small fruit research station, antique car show and Southern hospitality.

Activities get under way at 7:45 a.m. and continue until 5 p.m. Self-contained camper parking is available.

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